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# RUSSIA TAKING OFFENSIVE Recapture Of Smolensk Rumoured

## Roosevelt Speech LEADERS TO CONFER

President Roosevelt yesterday completed the address on foreign affairs which he is to deliver at 2 a.m. (G.M.T.) on Friday at the White House.

The President emphasised the importance he attaches to the speech by increasing its length and he will now speak for 25 minutes instead of 15 as originally planned.

President Roosevelt completed the speech at his Hyde Park (N.Y.) home just before leaving in a special train for Washington.

HE ASKED HIS SECRETARIAT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT OR TO-DAY WITH MR. CORDELL HULL (SECRETARY OF STATE), COL. KNOX (NAVY SECRETARY) AND MR. STIMSON (WAR SECRETARY).

When asked whether these proposed talks had any connection with the radio speech the President's secretary, Mr. Hassett, replied: "You might make your own deductions."

The President is accompanied by his wife, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Lease and Lend Supervisor, joined the train at New York.—Reuter.

## TO ALLOW NO DELAY BY IRAN

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, made it clear in the House of Commons yesterday that Great Britain would brook no delay in the implementing of the Anglo-Russian Agreement with Iran.

In reply to a question, Mr. Eden said that the Anglo-Russian terms, which were accepted by the Iranian Government, provided that the German Minister and his staff must leave Iran immediately, and the German Legation closed.

This also applies to the Italian, Hungarian and Rumanian Legations.

The Iranian Government state

## Roles Reversed On Central Front

(By Annalist)

**RUSSIA IS TAKING THE OFFENSIVE. FROM SMOLENSK TO GOMEL, SOVIET TROOPS, FOLLOWING A SERIES OF CONCENTRATED BLOWS AT SPECIFIC POINTS, ARE BELIEVED TO BE DEVELOPING A LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE ACTION.**

The latest indication is the report that German attempts in the Gomel sector to assume the offensive were met by counter-attacks and followed up by a counter-offensive, which smashed one German motorised division and destroyed the headquarters of another.

Reports are circulating that Smolensk itself has been retaken—or what is left of it—but there is neither confirmation nor denial of this from Russian sources although confirmation of its recapture is expected hourly.

## Safe Passage Refused

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, revealed yesterday that the Germans had refused to assure safe passage to any American vessel proceeding to Britain to fetch U.S. citizens.

The State Department, he said, therefore had taken emergency measures to permit Americans stranded in belligerent countries to return home in planes and ships other than American.

He emphasised that this was not blanket authorisation to use belligerent transport facilities but would be limited to applications to accommodate Americans marooned many months.

There had been a terrific clamour among Americans in Britain, Europe and Asia to return.

Mr. Hull explained, adding that between 75 and 100 in Britain alone

must return within a few weeks or lose their citizenship.

A large number of technicians

who went to England in connection with the war now wished to return.—Reuter.

that the four Legations have been requested to comply forthwith, and the Iranian Government are taking steps to hand over the German community to the British and Soviet Governments.—Reuter.

It is probable in a few days there will be no Nazis anywhere east of the Dnieper, even in its upper reaches, and that the Soviet counter-offensive has resulted in the complete removal of the German threat to turn the defences of the upper Dnieper by an outflanking movement from the north as was done with such near disastrous effect in the Dnieper Bend.

IF THE NAZIS WANT THE OTHER HALF OF THE UKRAINE THEY WILL HAVE TO TRY A FRONTAL ATTACK ACROSS THE LOWER DNEIPEL AND WITH BETTER SUCCESS THAN THEY ARE AT PRESENT ACHIEVING.

## Surging Masses

Fighting, as it has been developed in the Russian campaign by the Nazis, proceeds by enormous surging movements of vast masses of men and materials which gather momentum as they go and are incapable of being stopped.

Superb fighting skill can gradually slow them to a temporary standstill by applying a braking action to their impetus. It is then only a matter of days or even hours before the movement restarts, develops, is slowed and held.

THREE TIMES HAVE THE RUSSIANS THUS HELD THE ENTIRE MIGHT OF THE NAZI SURGES FORWARD AND THREE TIMES THEY FOUGHT THEM TO A STANDSTILL.

Indications are that this time it is the Russians who will initiate the forward movement and it remains to be seen whether the Germans are as good at applying the brake as they are at rolling forward by sheer weight of massed metal and an incredible disregard for wholesale massacre of their manpower.—Reuter.

## FREEZING ORDER QUERIES

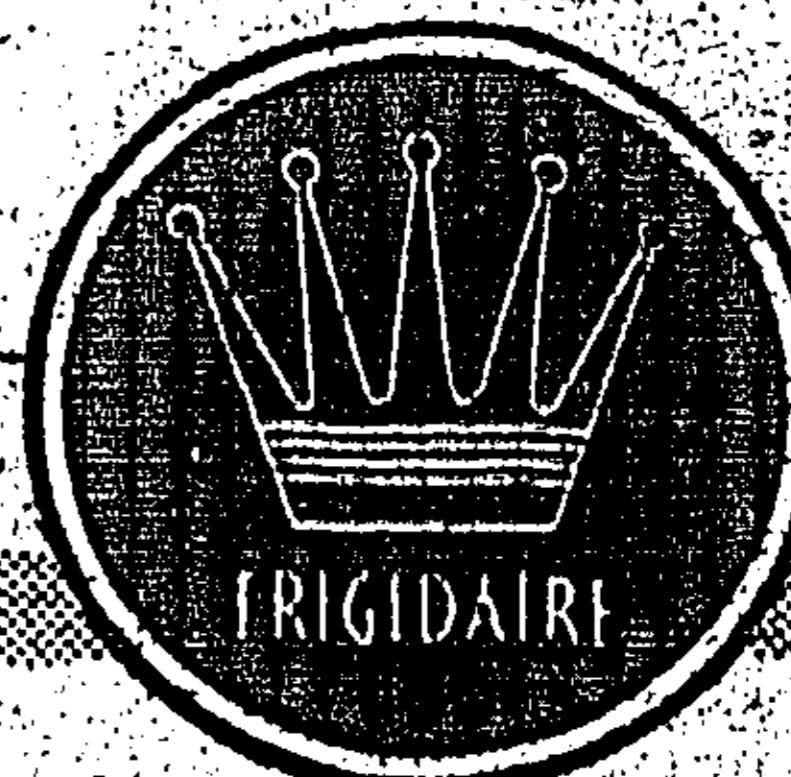
Asked in the House of Commons for a statement on the trade barter agreement with Japan, Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, said no general barter arrangement nor anything inconsistent with the strict enforcement of the freezing order had ever been contemplated.

The use of frozen funds for new exports to Japan was not permitted.

If it should be found desirable exceptionally to license any particular imports from Japan it would be a matter for consideration of what exports should be allowed against such imports and how payment should be effected.

It was probable that this could best be done by setting up a separate clearing account if and when the need for it should arise.

At present, however, no such imports have been licensed and consequently no question of payment arises.—Reuter.



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# Germans Suffer Heavily in Moscow Counter-Offensive

## 4,000 Drowned in River Battle

**IN A SECOND FIERCE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE SOUTH-EAST OF SMOLENSK, IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE FRONT, MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO'S FORCES HAVE DRIVEN THE GERMANS ACROSS THE RIVER "M," DESTROYING 238 TANKS, 50 AIRCRAFT, 486 LORRIES AND 135 GUNS, ACCORDING TO THE WAR CORRESPONDENT OF "RED STAR," THE SOVIET ARMY ORGAN.**

Some 4,000 Germans were drowned in the river, he claims. Although the name of the river is withheld, it may be noted that the Dnieper runs southwards between Smolensk and Yelnya, the city 45 miles south-east of Smolensk which the Russians have already captured.

The correspondent of the "Red Star" writes: "Our gallant troops continue their operations, destroying soldiers and equipment. Our troops forced the Germans to retreat beyond the river.

"The German command massed in this sector a panzer group consisting of several tank divisions and mechanised units.

"In this sector, by means of this 'wedge,' the enemy intended to assure his advance in an eastern direction.

"For several days and nights the Soviet air force violently attacked the tanks and the enemy rear.

### Battle Of Tanks

"The battle of tanks continued five days in conjunction with the air force and other arms. Soviet tanks vigorously attacked the enemy columns.

"ENDEAVOURING TO PREVENT THE ADVANCE OF OUR TROOPS THE ENEMY SHOWED FIERCE RESISTANCE.

"Battles near the river crossing were particularly stubborn. But the resistance of the enemy was broken.

"In the course of these battles the Germans lost 238 tanks, 50 planes, 486 lorries, 34 motorcycles, 25,000 rounds of ammunition, 135 guns, 39 machine-guns, 27 mine-throwers, 65 cases of shells and a quantity of automatic arms.

"About 4,000 German officers and men found their graves in the river.

### Falling Back

"Already considerably battered, the 17th Nazi Tank Division lost on the battlefield 60 tanks, 30 guns, 80 lorries and 1,600 men killed and wounded.

"An effective blow was dealt another German tank division, 600 officers and men being killed.

"Germans taken prisoner speak with horror of the concentrated blows of Soviet tanks, artillery and the air force.

"The Nazis are falling back under the powerful blows of our troops and operations for smashing the enemy panzer group are continuing." — Reuter.

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### RECRUIT DID NOT WORRY

The prospect of parachuting from 10,000 feet through fog worried an R.A.F. pupil pilot so little that, just before he jumped, he returned to his instructor to ask for the telephone number of his station. He jotted it down and then jumped — this time from 7,000 feet. His confidence was justified for he landed unhurt.

The story is told by Pilot-officer E. X. Sinclair, of Melbourne, formerly of the staff of the Australian Associated Press, who was the instructor.

### Flying in Fog

Recently Sinclair, instructing in night-flying, found himself in blinding fog, through which, for six hours, he was unable to find an opening. As the petrol gauges went lower and lower, Sinclair prayed for the "juice" to hold out till dawn.

After flying 1,000 miles, all the time fearing that any moment he might be over the sea and all the time unable to locate the landing grounds, which were signalling to him, he decided to bale out.

It was dawn, but Sinclair saw only a great sea of fog beneath. He had made a final attempt to land, but at 100 feet ascended again with five gallons left in the tanks.

### Told Pupil To Bale Out

At 10,000 feet Sinclair told the pupil that he would have to bale out, and instructed him that when he landed he must telephone his whereabouts to his station.

The pupil prepared to jump, and then returned, saying "Excuse me, sir. What's the station's telephone number?" The pupil wrote down the number, returned paper and pencil to his pocket, and prepared to jump. When the starboard engine stopped, Sinclair gave the signal. The pupil gave the "thumbs up" sign, grinned, and dived out at 7,000 feet. Sinclair also jumped.

### Pilot Gets A Fright

"I got a paralysing fright after pulling the rip-cord, when I found myself holding the rip-cord ring with nothing attached to it," Sinclair said. A split-second later I was jerked up-right and swayed freely on the harness. It was wonderful coming down. I was ringed by broken cloud, reddened every now and again by lightning flashes.

Sinclair landed unhurt in a wheat-field. He followed the course of a creek bed and met a cowhand, who insisted on carrying the parachutist.

Sinclair, who was many miles from his station, learned later that the pupil was also unhurt. He also learned that he had flown through what normally was a balloon barrage. For once, however, the balloons were down.

### IRONING OUT TAX BILL DIFFERENCES

The U.S. House and Senate conferees, considering the \$3,584,000,000 Tax Bill agreed upon a number of technical differences in connection with different versions of the legislation approved by the two chambers.

House leaders began efforts yesterday to have all members back on the job by September 16 to expedite final Congressional action on the Bill. — Reuter.

### OFFENSIVE PATROLS

Fighter Command aircraft, in the course of offensive patrols yesterday, attacked gun positions in northwest France and enemy ships in the North Sea.

One aircraft of the Fighter Command is missing, says an Air Ministry communiqué. — Reuter.

### GERMANS IN SARDINIA

SOME THOUSANDS OF GERMAN TROOPS HAVE RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH ITALY EN ROUTE TO SARDINIA, ACCORDING TO A TRAVELLER WHO HAS ARRIVED IN LISBON FROM ITALY.

The traveller states Sardinia is entirely in German occupation and no Italian is allowed to enter the island without a pass, so jealously is it guarded.

It is believed the Germans intend to reinforce the African front. — Reuter.

### REFUSES TO RESIGN

#### NEW ZEALAND NAVY NOW "ROYAL"

Announcing the King's approval of the New Zealand Navy henceforth being designated "Royal," the Acting Premier, Mr. Nasfi, said in Wellington yesterday all would be glad to associate themselves with this recognition of the war service of the New Zealand naval forces which the honour implied. — Reuter.

THE BEGUM SHAH NAWAZ HAS ANNOUNCED HER DECISION NOT TO RESIGN FROM THE VICEROY'S NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL IN OBEDIENCE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE MUSLIM LEAGUE.

She points out that she is not associated with the Council as a member of the Muslim League but in the capacity of representative of the women of India. — Reuter.

### AMAZING ODYSSEY: FRENCH ESCAPES FROM GERMANY

THE AMAZING ODYSSEY OF 183 FRENCH OFFICERS AND MEN, CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS DURING THE BATTLE OF FRANCE LAST YEAR, WAS DISCLOSED WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT A LONDON RAILWAY STATION YESTERDAY MORNING WHERE THEY WERE GIVEN A WARM WELCOME BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREE FRENCH FORCES AND OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

All these men escaped from various German prison camps and after incredible experiences and hardships succeeded in crossing the frontier into Russia.

In Russia they were interned but the Soviet authorities released them as soon as Germany attacked her.

A few of these men spoke German but one captain in particular, whose name must remain secret because he has a family in France, spoke German fluently.

Dressed in civilian clothes and often wading knee-deep in snow in the depth of winter, with the temperature 20 degrees below zero, they had to walk many miles before reaching Russia.

After release in Russia they were collected together and taken by ship to a British port.

THEY ARE OF THE TOUGHEST TYPE IN THE FRENCH ARMY. MANY OF THEM HAD TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM NAZI PRISON CAMPS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE.

### Burning Hatred

Many have wives and children in France, about whom they have been without news since they were taken prisoner last year.

All are filled with a burning hatred of the Germans, and their one ambition is to avenge last year's defeat of France.

They have, of course, joined the Free French forces. — Reuter.

### BALLROOM BAN ON OFFICERS

"A reactionary attempt by a military dictatorship to prevent the mixing of officers and men in social affairs."

This is how a member of Hounslow Town Council described a Southern Command ban on the presence of Army officers in the municipal ballroom.

It was stated that one night without warning, an officer and N.C.O. of the military police entered the ballroom, took the names of officers, telling them to leave and not to use the ballroom again.

Discussing a council recommendation to send a protest to the Under-Secretary of State for War and to the G.O.C. Southern Command, Dr. R. H. Lyster said that R.A.F., naval and colonial officers could still use the ballroom.

A deputation is to discuss the matter with the G.O.C. Southern Command.

# BRITISH UNDERTAKING

## Use Of Lend And Lease Materials From U.S.

### Government Policy

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AN UNDERTAKING REGARDING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LEASE AND LEND MATERIALS. DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.

Questions bearing on the matter were put in the House of Commons yesterday. One member asked to what extent it was Government's policy to reduce exports from Britain to states other than the U.S. in order to obtain the maximum temporary advantage from the Lease and Lend Bill.

Another member asked for assurances that goods obtained under the Lease and Lend Act or goods of a similar nature produced in Britain are not sold in foreign markets in competition with American merchants.

When the Government spokesman stated that an announcement on the subject is pending, the Labour member, Mr. George Strauss, interposed to ask whether Government was aware that considerable damage was being done by allegations inspired by Nazi sources that Britain is using the Lease and Lend Act in the way suggested above.

#### Export Trade

Mr. R. R. Stokes (Labour) asserted several trade associations had already circularised their members urging them to refrain from the export trade on account of delay in announcing agreement between Britain and the U.S. and asked whether it was Government's intention to abandon the export trade.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Waterhouse, replied it was certainly not the intention to abandon the export trade.—Reuter.

#### EQUIPPING THE FORCES

INDIANS ARE SENDING IN A WIDE RANGE OF SUGGESTIONS AND INVENTIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE PRESENT EQUIPMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND ALSO INCREASING THE USE OF INDIAN MATERIALS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF WAR MATERIALS.

The special committee formed for the purpose is now investigating their usefulness. It is stated the committee feel that the importance to India of the growing use to which Indian materials can be for the manufacture of stores and equipment for the armed forces, cannot be too strongly emphasised.

Further suggestions and inventions by Indians are invited.—Reuter.

#### MR. HSU IN SYDNEY

MR. HSU, FIRST CHINESE MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA, PRESENTS HIS CREDENTIALS TO LORD GOWRIE, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, ON SEPTEMBER 16, AT CANBERRA WHERE FIVE HOUSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE A PARTY OF 34, INCLUDING NINE CHILDREN.

The Sydney "Daily Telegraph," in a lead on the arrivals of Mr. Hsu and the U.S. Minister, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, says: "We want to see every Pacific country stand courageously and uncompromisingly against aggression, as the heroic people Mr. Hsu represents."—Reuter.

#### HITLER SHOWN UP

In a letter to the "New York Times," Dr. Foster Kennedy, one of New York's leading physicians, notes that Mr. John Cudahy, the former United States Ambassador to Belgium, in an article, describing Hitler's appearance, "unwittingly gives renewed currency to the falsehood that Hitler was blinded by gas in the last war."

Dr. Kennedy writes: "This statement has been merely a part of the character built up by the Fuehrer. In 1935 I was told by one of the greatest medical men in the Reich that in 1932 he had himself investigated Hitler's official medical war record.

"It consisted of one hospital admission, with the diagnosis 'hysterical amblyopia' or blindness due to hysterical fear reaction. In 1934 my friend found that this record no longer existed."

#### READY TO CONSCRIPT GIRL IDLERS

Appeals to patriotism are no longer any use against the indifference of thousands of well-to-do young women who go to Harrogate and other "safe area" resorts to dodge war work as well as bombs.

"We shall get to grips with the problem when women about thirty have to register," Mr. W. H. Stephens, manager of the Harrogate office of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, told the "Daily Mirror."

"Then we shall at least be able to tackle them individually. At present we cannot do anything about these women."

"We know they exist and we have appealed to their patriotism, but without much success."

#### AIR DISASTER DUE TO ERRORS OF JUDGMENT

ERRORS OF JUDGMENT were mentioned by Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, in the Commons yesterday in giving the results of the investigations into the two fatal crashes of Atlantic aircraft in which 44 lives were lost.

Sir Archibald said that the first accident is attributed to an error in navigation which caused the aircraft to strike a mountain under conditions of bad visibility, which were not, however, such as to have justified cancellation of the flight.

The mountain is many miles from the track which the aircraft should have followed, and from the evidence available, it is impossible to explain how the error occurred.

The navigation instruments had been fully and satisfactorily tested, and the aircraft was properly inspected before the flight.

Their inspectors' finding in the case of the second accident is that it was due to bad judgment by

the captain, firstly, in taking off along the wrong runway, presumably through an oversight; secondly, in allowing the aircraft to swing to port with the result that it left the runway and took to the grass; and thirdly, in not shutting off the engines. Immediately this had occurred,

#### SESSA TORPEDOED AND SHELLED

The State Department disclosed in Washington yesterday that the "Sessa" was both torpedoed and shelled by the submarine, presumed to be German, without warning while bound from the United States to Iceland.

Three survivors of the "Sessa" are a Dane, Swede and Portuguese.—Reuter.

#### AMBASSADOR INJURED

MR. DREXEL BIDDLE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN LONDON, WAS INJURED YESTERDAY WHILE WATCHING MANOEUVRES BY THE ROYAL CANADIAN PEOPLE.—Reuter.

#### BRITISH GENTILITY WITH VICHY

"IN VIEW OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT'S BITTER HOSTILITY TOWARDS GREAT BRITAIN," MR. GEORGE MANDER, LIBERAL, IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A DEEPER BREACH WITH VICHY IN FAVOUR OF THE FREE FRENCH.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, however, pointed out that there were no diplomatic relations between Britain and Vichy, and Britain recognised General de Gaulle as leader of all Free Frenchmen.

Mr. Eden added, "I do not see what more we can do." Mr. Mander then suggested that Mr. Eden should consider going further, and recognise General de Gaulle's organisation as the Government of France. No answer was returned.—Reuter.

#### NETHERLANDS BRIGADE IN THE MIDLANDS

Mr. Biddle received a splinter in the leg and hand and was the first casualty to be treated in an ambulance which, with two mobile canteens, were recently presented to the Brigade by the American people.—Reuter.

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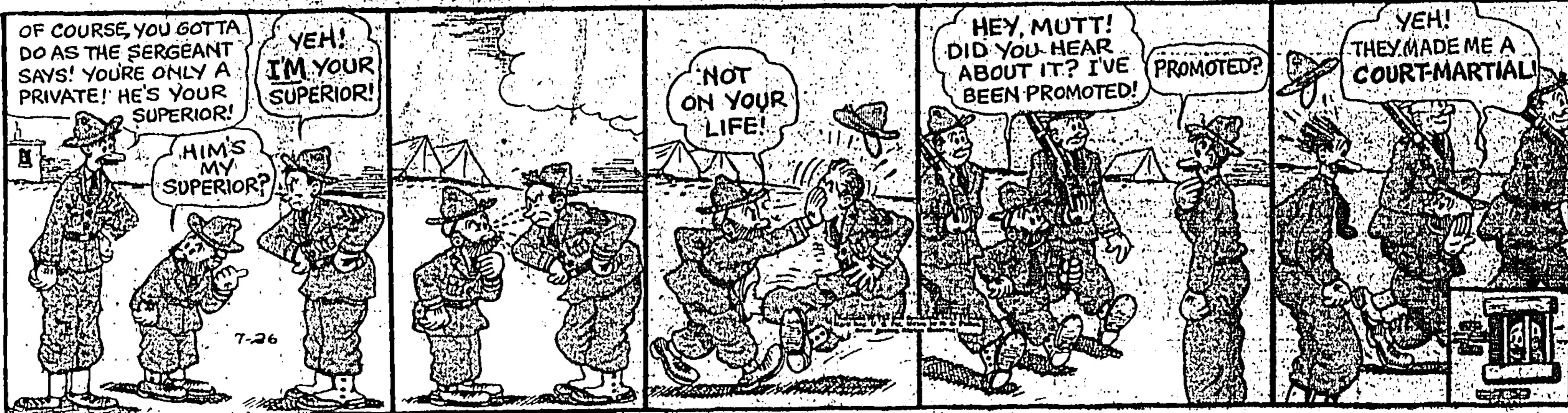
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## MUTT AND JEFF



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## THE ONLY GIRL

Mrs. Marjorie Crook, 27, had a perfectly good character until she stole a £3 13s. 8d. jumper suit from an Oxford Street, London, store.

Why did she steal? Here is the explanation offered at the police court by a specialist in psychological medicine.

She is a rather lonely type of woman. The neuropathic condition which explains her act is that she is the youngest and only girl of a family of four children.

She is a very good example of a girl brought up in a family of boys developing an isolated mode of life and wandering about as in this case—on shopping expeditions.

The magistrate imposed a fine of £6, with £3 costs.

## 73 LONDON HOSPITALS HIT

Forty-three London hospitals have been severely damaged in air raids and a further thirty less seriously damaged, the Duke of Kent disclosed at the annual meeting of the King Edward's Hospital Fund.

## AMERICAN AIR BEAT FAR IN ATLANTIC

MAJOR GENERAL Herbert A. Dargue, veteran Army pilot, said in an interview on his first day at Mitchel Field, L.I., as commanding officer of the 1st Air Force, that he envisioned his organisation as an "aerial policeman whose beat extends hundreds of miles into the Atlantic Ocean."

The actual geographic boundaries of the 1st Air Force are the Atlantic seaboard on the east, the Mississippi River on the west, the Canadian line on the north and North Carolina on the South, but General Dargue emphasised that the basic job of his force "knocks into a cocked hat" the limitations and restriction of a boundary.

He explained that active defence of such an important industrial area as is contained in the geographical limits, with perhaps two-thirds of the nation's war factories, demanded destruction of an enemy's airports and interception of his bombers long before they reached the shores of the United States.

General Dargue, who in 1926 was officially reprimanded by the Army along with Major General H. H. Arnold, now chief of the Army Air Forces, for "objectional

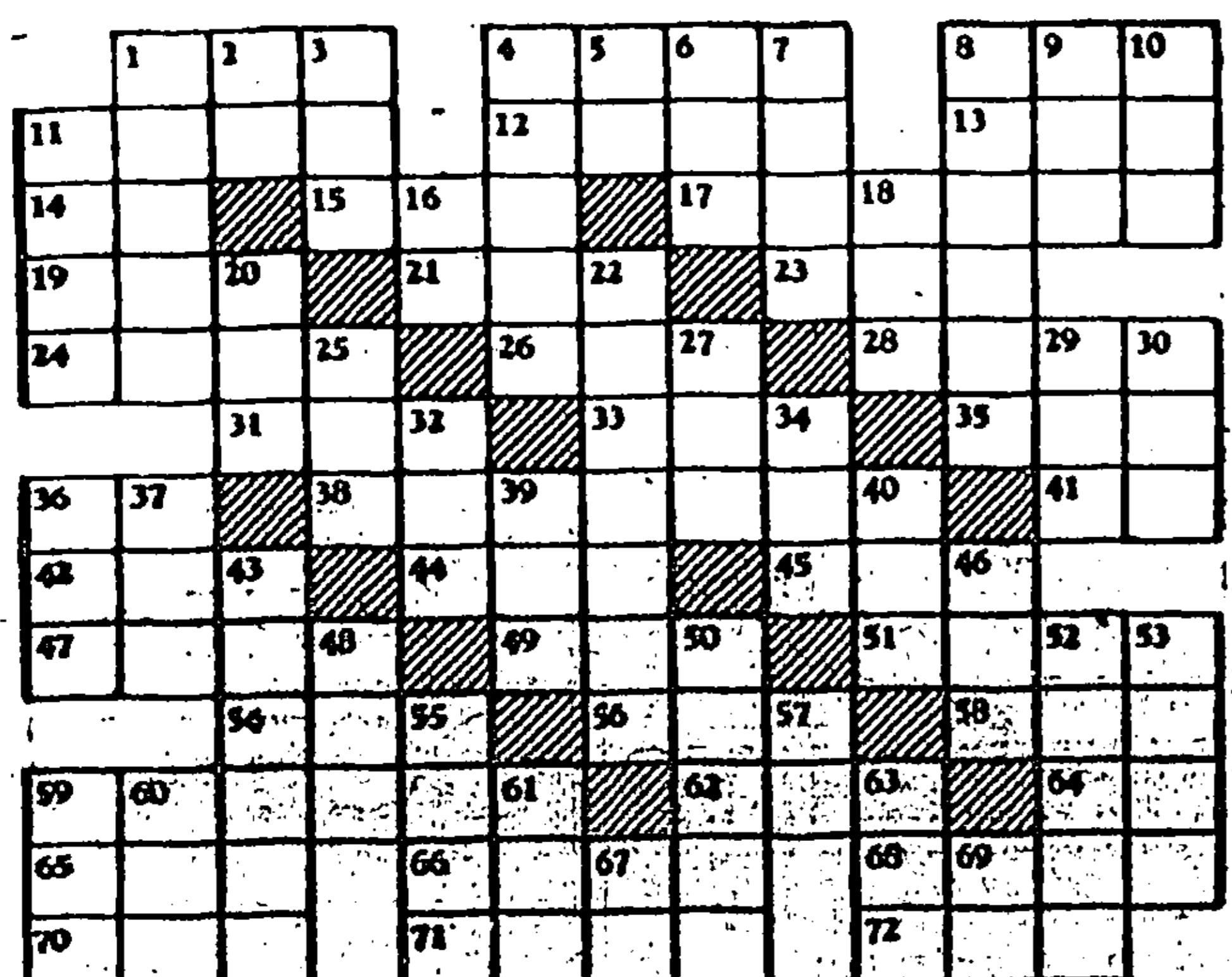
propaganda" in favour of stronger air power for America and a unified air service, revealed that there was close cooperation at present between the Army and the Navy in flying matters. He asserted smilingly that he was certain that the rule making it necessary in the past for the Army to ask and receive permission from Navy heads each time it sent one of its aircraft more than 300 miles offshore had been "quietly forgotten."

General Dargue recalled that the idea of a combat air force freed entirely from the responsibilities of pilot training and the procurement of aircraft and equipment had its origin in the inter-Allied independent bombing force which was being organised when the World War ended. The composition of each of the four air forces now covering the United States, he continued, was determined by the tasks each was most likely to be called upon to perform.

For tactical and strategic purposes, rather than for organisation or administration, General Dargue disclosed, the 1st Air Force was divided into an Interceptor, a Bombardment and a Support Command. The latter group, he said, would contain such units as the parachute troops and observation and would operate in the manner that the German Luftwaffe had demonstrated was practical in its invasion of the Lowlands and other territories.

Asked whether his command had any night fighters for interception of bombers in darkness like the British night fighter squadrons, General Dargue said that he could give no details but was able to state that certain units would have such equipment. He added that the most important matter at present was that American bombing squadrons were "splendidly trained" and second to none in the world.

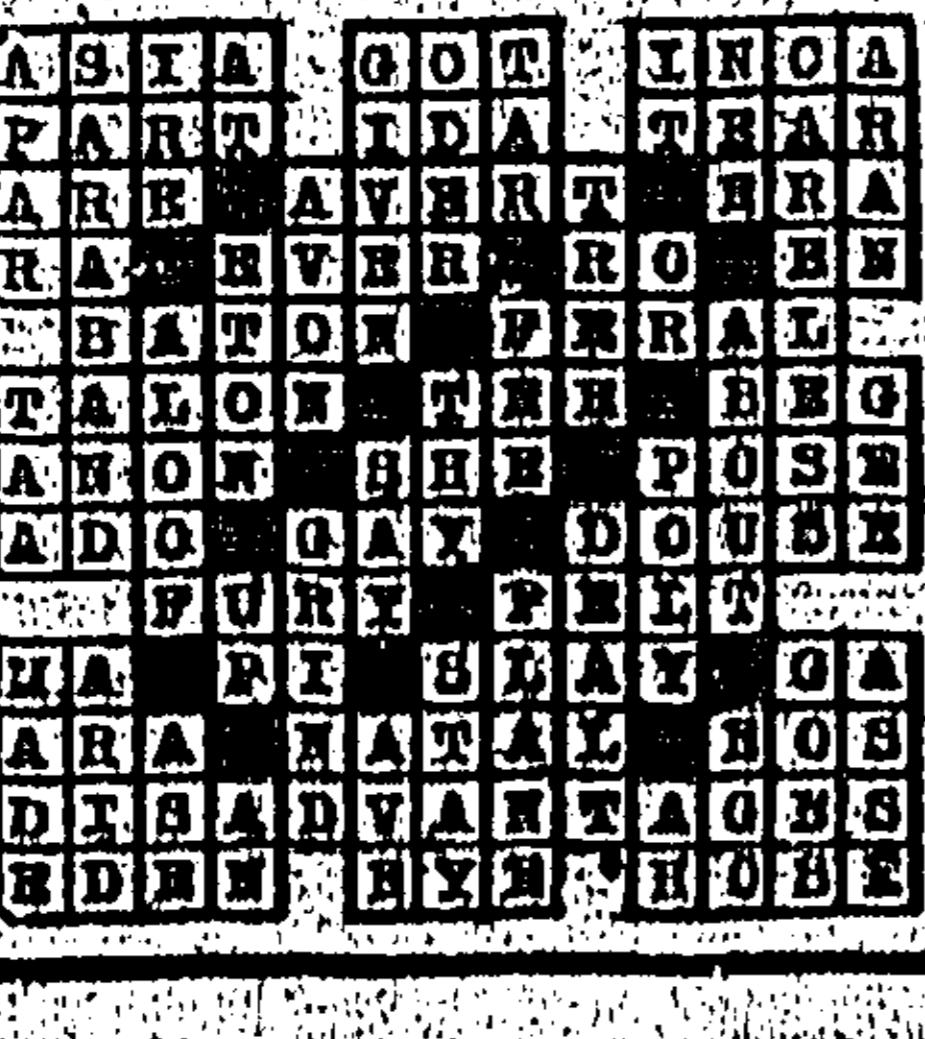
## OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL  
1. Owing  
4. Quarrel  
8. Snake  
11. Compassion  
12. To peel  
13. Body of water  
14. By  
15. The self  
17. Large thrush  
19. Prondun  
21. Vast, age  
23. Card game  
24. Burden  
26. Price  
28. Long journey  
31. Container  
33. Lever  
35. Prefix: three  
38. Indo-Chinese language  
39. Projecting part of a fortress  
41. Article  
42. To haul  
44. French coin  
45. At once  
47. Sandtrap  
49. African antelope  
51. Antelope  
53. Pronoun  
54. Stare  
56. Finish  
58. Rowing implement

50. Cretan seaport  
52. Electrified particle  
54. Symbol for samarium  
55. Malt  
56. Beverage  
58. To prepare for publication  
60. Seed coating  
70. To make  
71. Archaic: to interpret  
72. Footlike part  
73. Likewise  
74. Guido's low note  
75. To watch  
76. Slang: to deceive  
77. Colloquial: father  
78. Limb  
79. Linden tree  
80. To classify  
81. To understand  
82. Slang: friend  
83. Bucket  
84. Earth Goddess  
85. Toper  
86. Pouch  
87. God of the sea  
88. Poor player  
89. Silkworm  
90. Epoch  
91. Relation  
92. Dance step  
93. Distant  
94. Philippine savage  
95. Pronoun  
96. To soak  
97. Negative  
98. Large sea bird  
99. Welsh person?  
100. Colour  
101. To merge  
102. Fortlike spot  
103. Russian mountain system  
104. Row  
105. To act  
106. Bellie  
107. Wing  
108. Fruit drink  
109. To slumber  
110. European deer  
111. Concerning

## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



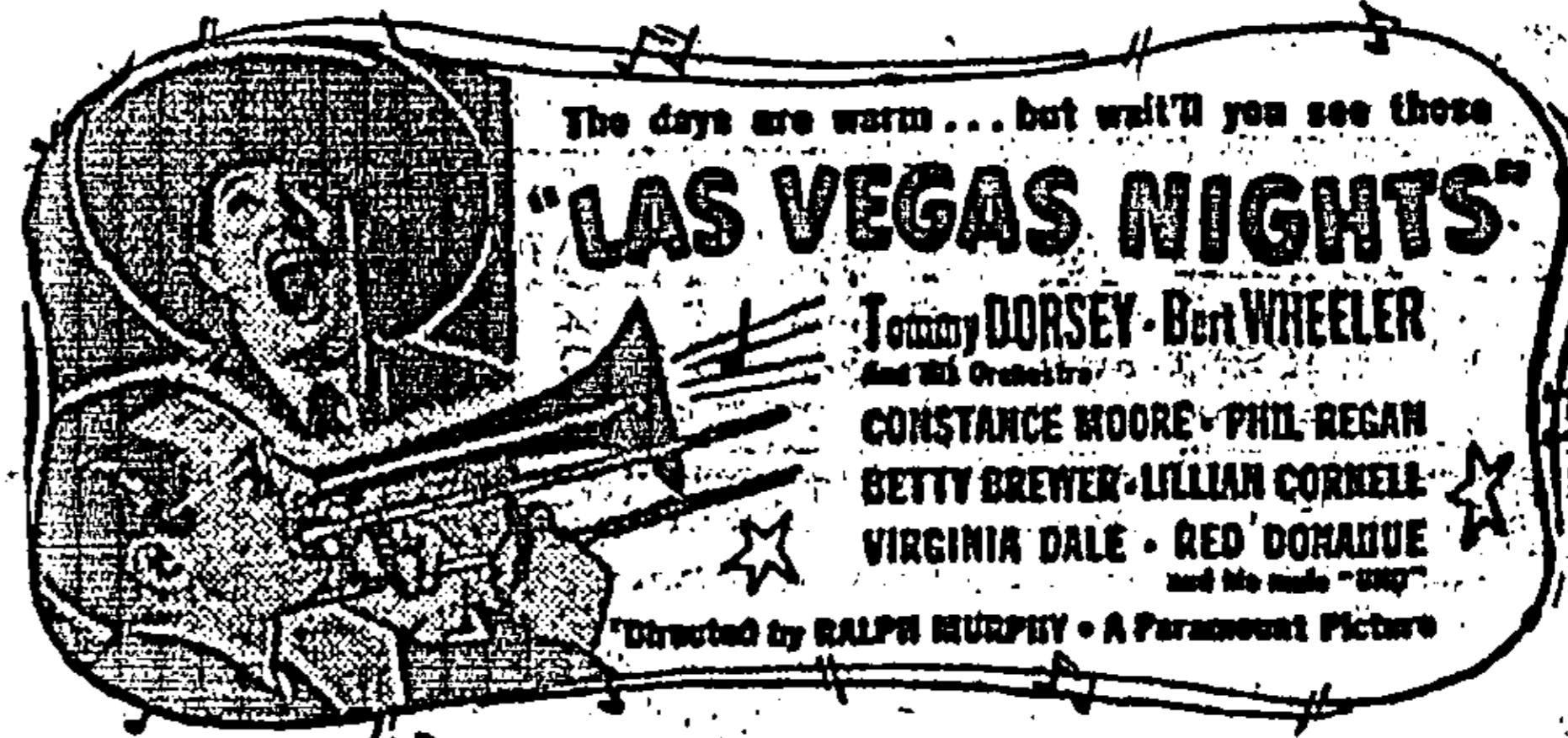
Norwegian shipowners have been ordered to change the names of their ships, being told that royal family names such as Princess Ragnhild, Crown Prince Olav, and Crown Princess Maerta are prohibited.

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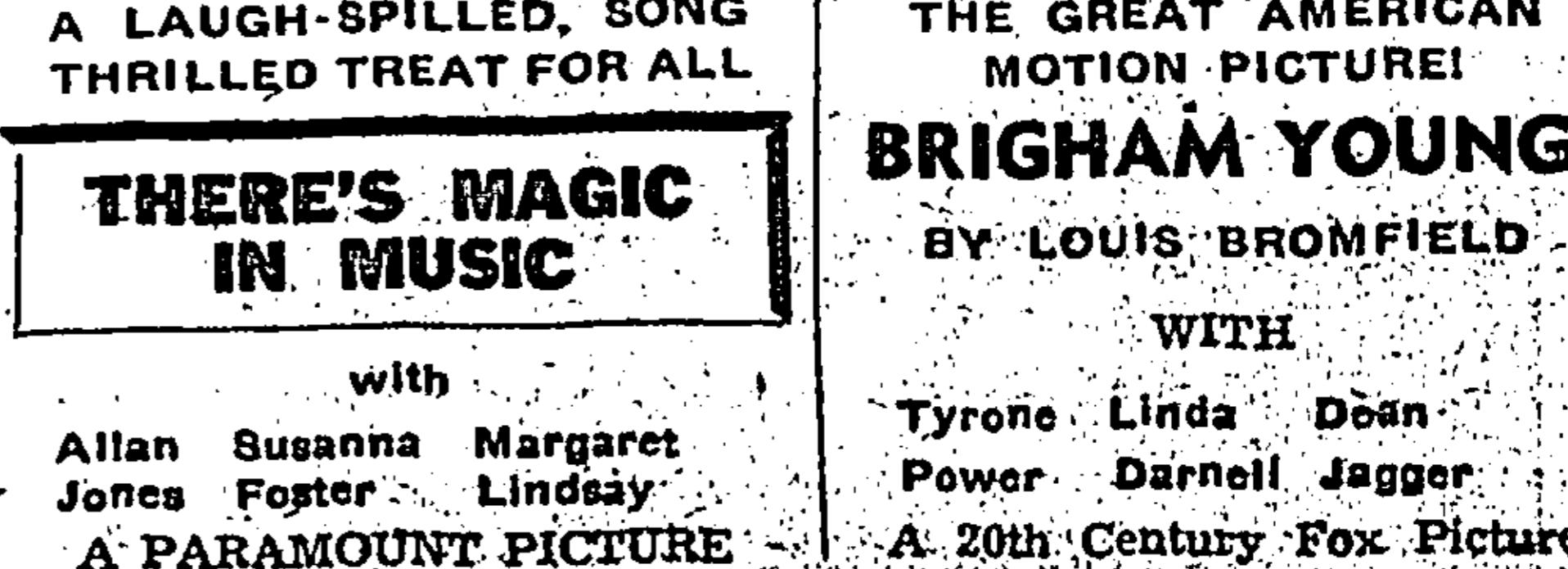


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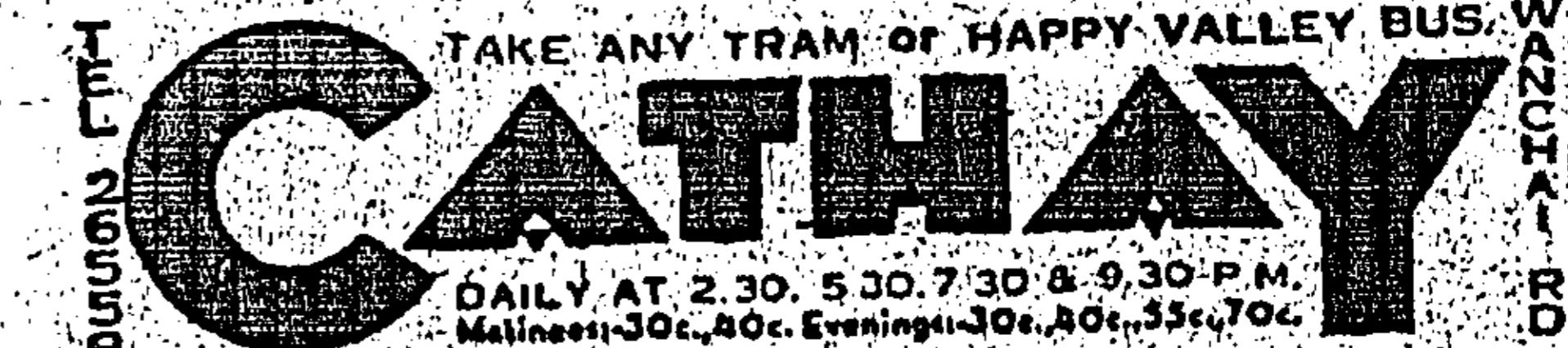


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# JAPAN STILL CLINGING TO HITLER

(By A. T. STEELE)

NOT THE SLIGHTEST INDICATION EXISTS OF A TOKYO-BERLIN DIVORCE DESPITE THE FACT THAT FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO YEARS ADOLF HITLER HAS PLAYED FAST AND LOOSE WITH JAPANESE FRIENDSHIP.

Hitler permitted — nay, encouraged — Foreign Minister, Yosuke Matsuoka (recently deposed) to conclude a neutrality pact with Russia. Then, without any warning to Japan, Der Fuehrer went to war with Russia, putting the Nipporiene in the most embarrassing spot they have occupied since the surprising Hitler-Stalin embrace of 1939.

Yet the fact remains that no influence necessitated by the new war. Formerly, both Japan and Germany were willing to accord Russia her own regional bloc in the new scheme of things. The present finds at least one Japanese newspaper suggesting that all Russia east of the Urals should be incorporated into the orbit of Japan.

Moreover, Germany continues to move in the same direction as the Japanese. And Germany and Italy are still the only two powers of importance willing to recognise the programme 'honest' and 'dearest' to Japanese hearts—the new order in Asia. On top of this is the fact that many Japanese—mostly in uniform—are secretly pleased with the German move, which opens up new vistas of conquest to expanding Japan.

#### Play Along With Axis

Under such conditions, it should be no surprise that the Japanese—for all their high-sounding concern for international morality—continue to play along with the Axis.

To be sure, Japan's pride has been wounded and her suspicions of Germany's ultimate intentions have been aroused. Hitler's callous disregard for Japanese sensibilities makes many Japanese wonder whether they have been cast for the same subordinate and ignoble role in the Axis as Mussolini's Italy. This they desire to avoid.

As long as the Nazis confined their attentions to Europe, to Africa and to the Middle East, the Japanese had nothing to worry about. But Japan does not relish the prospect of a partner as fickle as Hitler as a next-door neighbour. The invasion of Russia creates this unsavory possibility.

The tragedy of Mussolini, reduced to the status of a mere stooge of Berlin, has not been lost on far-seeing Japanese. Those of them who have read "Mein Kampf" know something of Hitler's contempt for non-Aryan races. They know that Hitler aspires not alone to leadership of Europe and Africa but to leadership of the world. They know that he will brook no partner who is equal in power to himself. He will cooperate with the Japanese only as long as they can be useful to him. Then, if the opportunity comes, he will put his thumb down on them.

#### Mystery To Japs.

Hitler's bloodiness, his proclivity for going off on new adventures with almost contemptuous unconcern for what the Japanese may think of them, his reluctance to take the Japanese into his confidence—these are Hitlerian eccentricities not understood in Japan, even though there may be good reason for some of them. For instance, Germans claim that the Japanese cannot keep a secret. They say that a number of confidential facts about German policy have leaked out through Japanese channels.

To offset their disdainful attitude in some matters, the Germans go the whole way in other ways to ingratiate themselves with the Japanese and thus keep them in line.

Some Nazis in Japan even go to the extreme of bowing to the Emperor's palace and worshiping at Japan's Shinto shrines. The motives behind these gestures may be questionable, but the propaganda value is doubtless very high.

Japan, in short, wishes to remain in the Axis partnership but desires also to keep Germany at arm's length. Since the Russo-German outbreak, there has been agitation in Tokyo for the Japanese government to come to an understanding with Germany on the reshuffling of spheres of

## WORKED FIVE DAYS WITHOUT STOPPING

The Russian communique, which praises civilian as well as service heroes, named:

"Comrade Zagouzoff, who, working on two lathes simultaneously, did not leave his work for five whole days until he had finished his job."

## BERLIN WORRIED

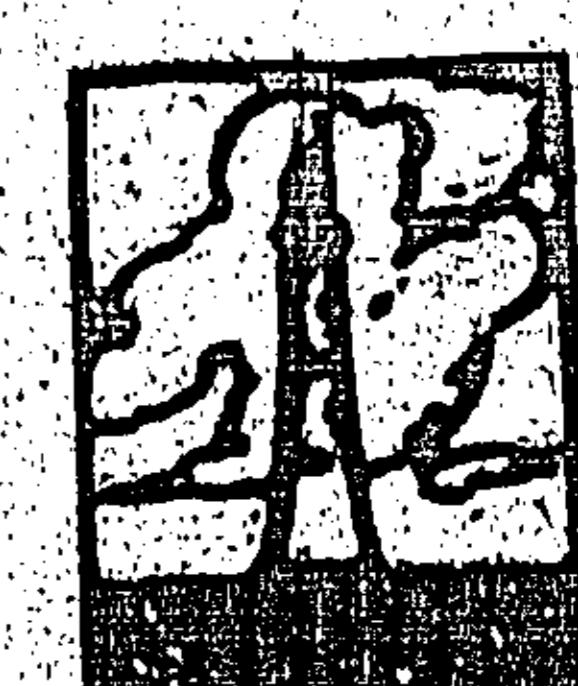
The message sent by Prince Konoye, Japanese Premier, to President Roosevelt, was received with mixed feelings in German political quarters, the Berlin correspondent of the "Journal de Geneve" reported from the German capital:

These quarters are wondering whether the German Government had been informed of the text of the message before it was sent to the President of the United States. According to a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman, the correspondent added, the end of the Japanese-American parleys must be awaited before forming a definite opinion of the situation in the Far East, which is considered in Berlin as still tense.

The belief prevails in the German capital that Japan will stand firm. As for the United States, political quarters in Berlin doubt whether it will risk a war with Japan as President Roosevelt is leaning more and more towards Great Britain. It is therefore believed that a compromise settlement will be sought, and this would enable the Tripartite Pact to give further proof of its solidarity.

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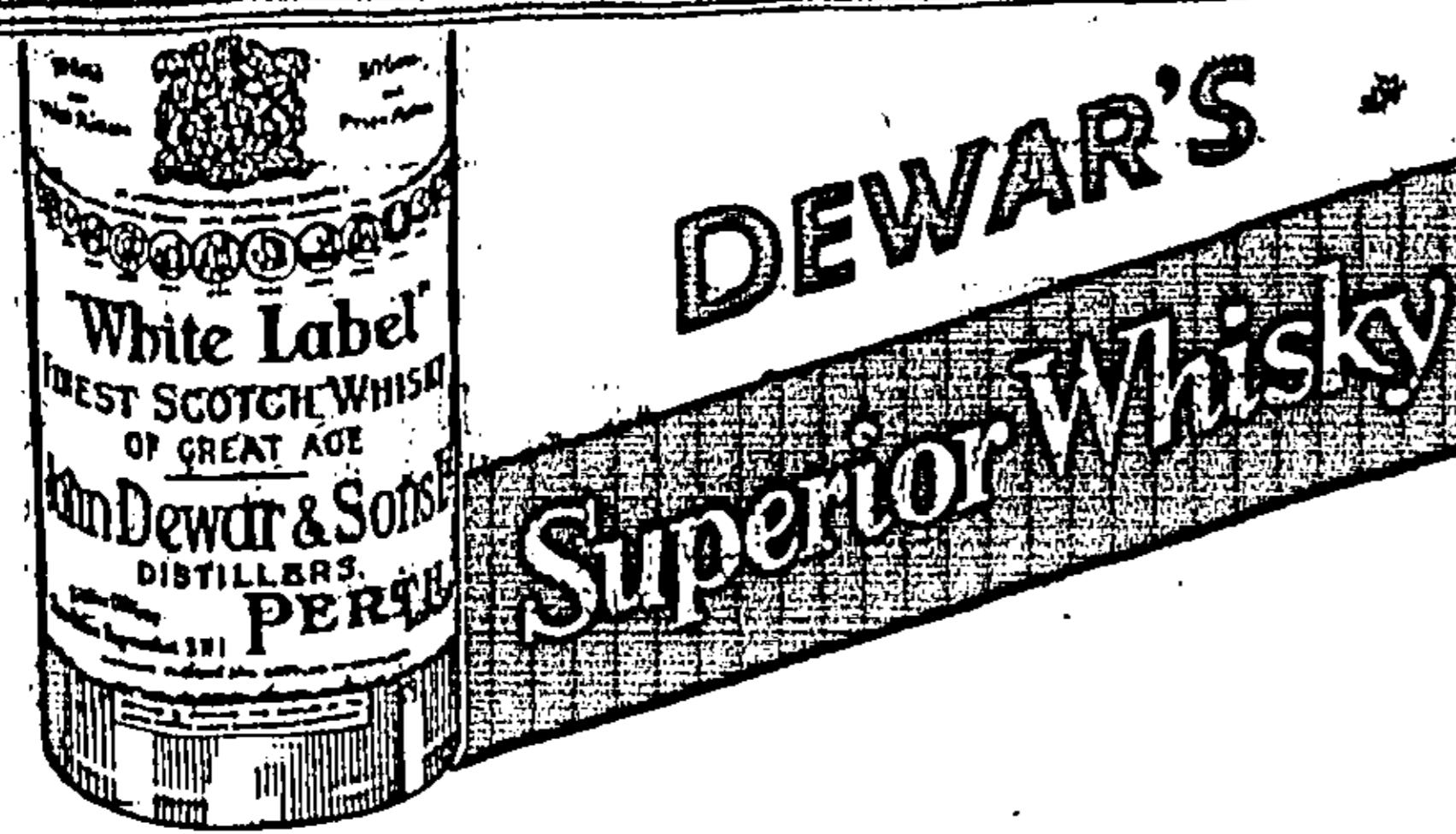
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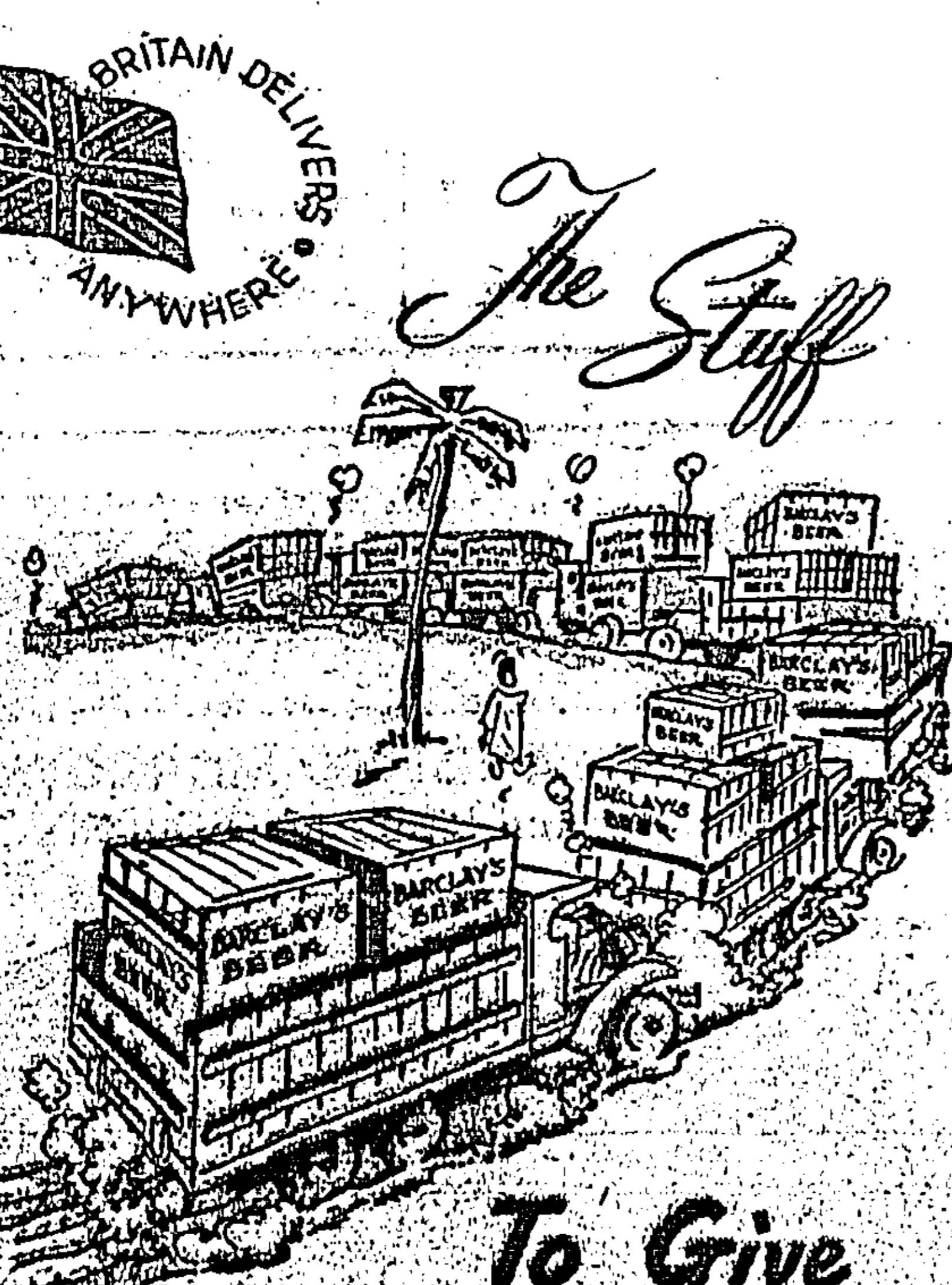
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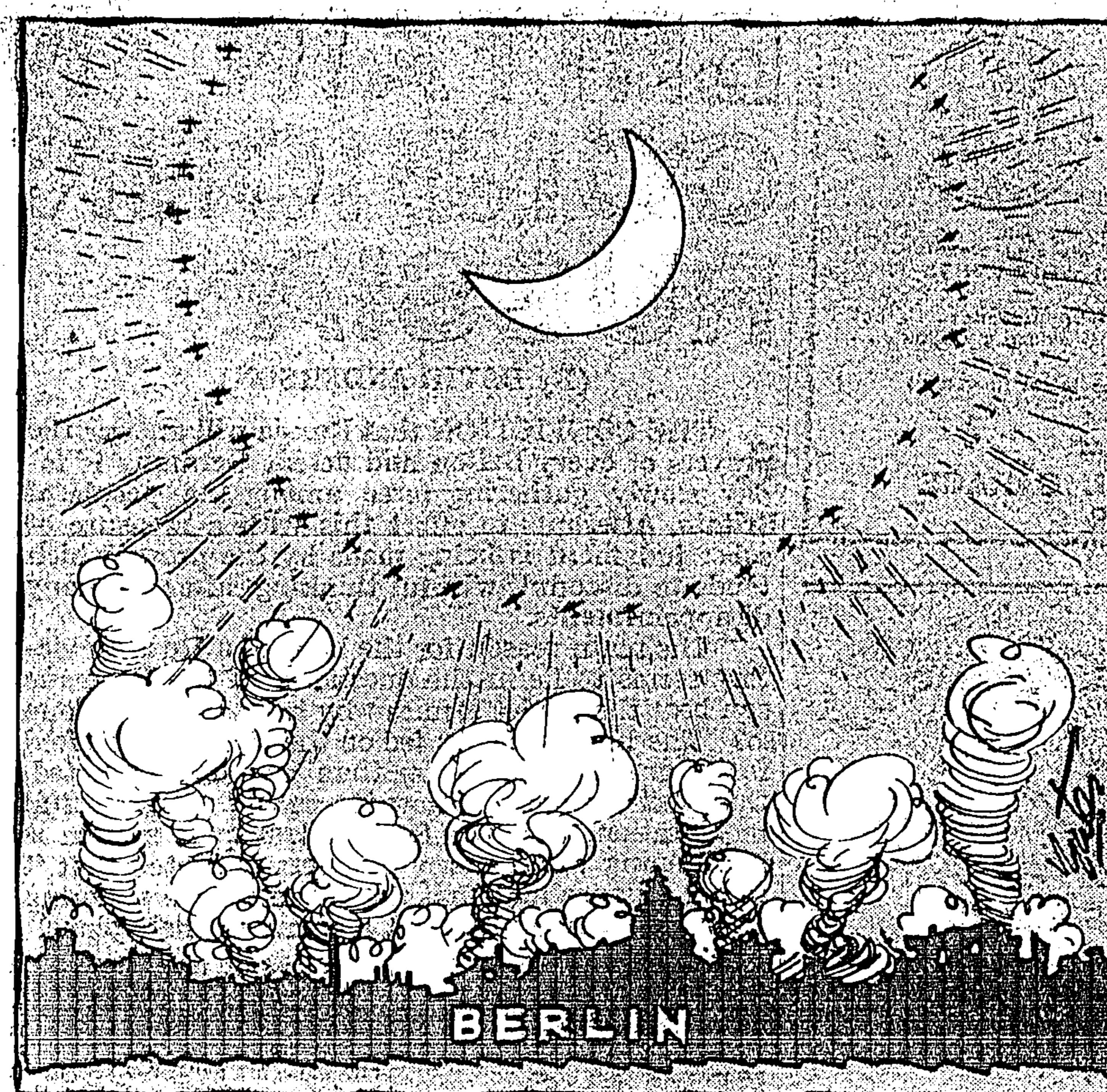
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### COMING OF AGE

King Peter of Yugoslavia celebrated his coming of age in London last Saturday. This event was of interest, not because a crowned head had reached maturity, but because he stood as the representative of a nation which heroically decided in the face of almost certain disaster, to resist German aggression rather than to submit without a struggle. Mr. Winston Churchill, announcing this great decision in the House of Commons last March, immediately following King Peter's action, stated in his usual happy phraseology, that Yugoslavia had at that moment "found her soul."

The decision to fight was undoubtedly a desperate one and it is not surprising that Prince Paul, the Regent, in view of the country's unpreparedness for war — a fact for which he was largely to blame — had other views. Not only was the Yugoslav army almost entirely devoid of the mechanised units so essential in modern warfare, but the internal and age-long dissensions between the conglomeration of communities comprising the kingdom of Yugoslavia, was a source of definite weakness during a time of stress. Nevertheless, Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Dalmatians, Macedonians, Montenegrins, Bosnians and Nerzegovinians rallied to the King's appeal and for a few days the Germans met a heroic fighting force which, though finally defeated, was largely responsible for a number of vital alterations in Hitler's plan of campaign. If Yugoslavia had not resisted, the position for the Allies to-day would have been far less favourable. Her industries would have played a complacent part in the provisioning of the German army — to-day sabotage and reluctant labour is the rule. Many strategic points of value to Germany have been destroyed. Had it not been for Yugoslavia's challenge, the German forces would have advanced against the Ukraine and in all probability against Turkey under far more favourable conditions. Moreover, the Yugoslavs are still resisting. They are fighting in groups protected by the mountains from where they are able to swoop with deadly accuracy on German transports and communications. They constitute a



STORMY WEATHER

# Japan: Is Change In Policy Near?

**JAPANESE** pessimism about Japan-American relations is paradoxically a fortunate sign. It is one of several indications that Japanese international policies may begin to be based on realities. However little sweetness there may be about Dai Nippon nowadays, there is at least starting to be a little light — long overdue and welcome indeed in view of the long and almost unbroken record of march toward darkness.

It is not stretching interpretation too far to say, moreover, that the Government's decision to invoke full provisions of the General Mobilisation Act may not be without its redeeming features in the long run.

Such extremism may, of course, mean war — but it may also mean a turning point close ahead. Which this will be depends largely on events far from the Far East, notably the Soviet struggle against Japan's ally-of-convenience, Germany.

### Keeping Avenues Clear

But if Germany does not begin to win some early and conspicuous fresh successes, Japan is going to have to begin some serious exploration of avenues toward an about face. This is the first time such a situation has developed in more than four years of Japanese war with China. And as stated, the Japanese are beginning to get some cold, solid information on which to base their thinking in the event that the opportunity for new, easy conquests does not quickly present itself.

present and a future menace which even now entails the presence of stronger Axis forces than Hitler can well spare. King Peter's effort to stem the German advance six months ago was not altogether unsuccessful, even though his army has presumably been defeated, his country over-run and he himself is a refugee in London.

Tremendously significant was the quidid message of Kaname Wakasugi, one of Admiral Nomura's chief aides, in a telephone message from Los Angeles to the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi." From another, the "Nichi Nichi" would never have printed any such words. But from the man who is trying to carry first-hand facts from the Japanese Embassy in Washington to those in charge of shaping Japanese policies in

emulating the sensational performance of United States Ambassador Joseph Grew in Tokyo many months ago by disclosing the true state of the American position. Essentially, neither Mr. Wakasugi nor Mr. Grew pulled any rabbits out of any hats; but each proved himself an able and courageous reporter to the public at large, which is exceptional indeed among diplomats.

It seems safe to suggest that unless Japanese militarism receives some quick and extraordinary gift of good luck in the way of another adventurist opportunity, the words of Mr. Wakasugi are bound to have a chilling effect upon those Japanese who have been disposed to drag Japan closer and closer to the brink of a war with America which most Japanese think cannot come to pass, but which all informed Japanese know must be ruinous to their country if it ever does come to pass.

### By Randall Gould

Former Chief Far Eastern Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor.

Tokyo, this message could reach the Japanese people and startle them out of their propaganda-drugged somnolence.

What Mr. Wakasugi said is what scores of others might have said but their information would have been stifled at its source by newspaper editors and Japanese Government officials to a programme of letting the Japanese people know only what they want to hear.

### Describes U.S. Policy

Mr. Wakasugi was an accurate reporter of what he — and many others — had learned in Washington. He said in effect that the United States is not going to start anything with Japan but that if Japan insists on trouble, the United States is ready and determined to meet the worst eventualities. He had found that America and Great Britain are in close harmony against aggression. He reported "isolationism rapidly waning and preparedness the American keynote. Granting that the United States is desirous of maintaining friendly relations with Japan as long as possible, Mr. Wakasugi added that this all depends on the situation — more directly, "the attitude depends solely on Japan."

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# BRITAIN MORE CONFIDENT IN RUSSIA

(By DAVID ANDERSON)

THE CONVICTION that Russia will answer the prayers of every Briton and defeat Germany is today slowly gathering force among the people of Britain. Attempts to offset this with a measure of sober judgment is being made by the press, which tends to discount wishful thinking after so many disappointments.

The main reason for the hope of a Russian victory seems to lie in the question: If the Germans can beat the Soviet armies why have they not done so? The hope is being fed on the idea that the Red forces are fighting better than any one expected, that their number is now increasing with the full mobilisation, that the Soviet's transport system is functioning where many prophets predicted that it would collapse and that the Germans are suffering casualties which must put a crimp in their plans.

## ANTI-JAP. FEELING RISES IN AMERICA

On the United States west coast, bands are playing "The Yanks Are Coming," for the first time since the war began, says Richard Hughes, "Sydney Telegraph" roving reporter in America, in a message from Los Angeles.

In the last week or so I have heard cafe pianists, band leaders, and nickel juke boxes (pocket-edition Wurlitzers) all asked to play this 1917-1918 number.

It always gets a big hand, too. Demand for "The Yanks Are Coming" is only one manifestation of the war fever that has gripped the west coast since Washington and Tokyo started slapping faces.

The Musicians' Union has instructed its members to play the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the beginning and end of every professional musical programme.

A move has already begun in certain factories for the workers to hear the anthem on the radio before they start work.

### Nazis Hissed

Talk in bars, cafes, shops, and street cars usually takes the same line: "We always knew we would have to give the Japanese a licking. We should have done it years ago."

"The sooner we get on with it now the better."

In newsreel theatres, the Nazis are hissed while the British are wildly applauded.

San Francisco and Los Angeles had nothing like the same anti-Hitler warmth as anti-Japanese warmth.

They didn't like Hitler. But they probably dislike Harry Bridges, tough Australian-born West Coast union boss, even more.

They shared the same common American tendency—unrealistic, but very human—of hotly denying that they should go to war, while warmly insisting on a policy of all-out aid to Britain, which was certain to land them in the war.

The Japanese war mood, which they caught explosively, has insensibly but definitely changed their European war mood.

They are beginning to see that the crisis on their Atlantic seaboard—which they had not recognised—has as much menace for them as the crisis on their Pacific seaboard—which they had always recognised.

The Japanese Fleet has given them a sudden, new awareness of the Nazi Air Force.

The average man in the street in Britain finds a bewildering layout of maps daily confronting him.

The hardest to understand are the developments around Moscow, and these are generally recognised as the most important. The British are apt to distrust the official claims of both sides—with the observation that of course, we suppose the Soviets are more reliable than the German reports."

One impression cultivated by the press and official quarters is that it is not wise to draw too optimistic conclusions from the fact that Germany's campaign has fallen behind schedule. It is allowed that the outcome of the German third offensive will tell the story.

### Opinion Divided

Opinion in London is divided whether this drive will prove to be the culminating, crushing blow designed to smash Soviet resistance or whether it will prove another and rather more balanced offensive similar to the second one already delivered.

The British are impressed with the efficiency of the German Kriegsamt organisation for building roads and railways under conditions of appalling difficulty, but against this they set the performance of the Russian transport system, which is considered little short of wonderful.

In communications lies the key to the success of the whole campaign, it is realised.

With the growing hope that the Russian front will hold out the British are weighing the problems of the Soviet's economic endurance.

### Will They Shoot?

Obviously, she will turn to the United States for help and while it is assumed naturally in London that these demands will be met there is one detail of absorbing interest to the British.

In what volume Russia will get supplies—which are most likely to come via Vladivostok—should the Japanese decide to blockade that port? Will the Americans convoy the supplies and shoot if necessary?

Will convoying and shooting in the Atlantic get the United States into the war with Germany while similar practice in the Pacific involves her with Japan?

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## MORTALITY IN BRITAIN

NINETEEN THOUSAND CIVILIANS DIED FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE COURSE OF ENEMY AIR-RAIDS UPON GREAT BRITAIN DURING THE EARLY PART OF 1941.

Insurance companies' statistics further reveal that the infantile mortality somewhat increased in the course of the past year, while the birth rate in the cities declined.

However, the number of marriages reached an all-time record.

The death rate of civilians was 14.3 per thousand during the year of 1940 while the birth rate in Great Britain was estimated at 14.8 per thousand.

## AMERICAN DEPORTED FROM FRANCE

Mr. Varian M. Fry, a United States citizen connected with the American Relief Association, has been ordered by the authorities to leave France.

Mr. Fry, who, the authorities declared, was engaged in anti-French activities, was taken under escort to the Spanish border.

## HAMBURG "IN RUINS"

Eyewitness accounts have afforded a description of R.A.F. bomber destruction in Hamburg and its port.

As Hamburg is reportedly, the least punished of all German seaports, the record of its damage pointed to terrific devastation at Bremen, Bremerhaven, Kiel, and other North Sea ports.

The Hamburg waterfront was a picture of charred and ruined docks, storehouses, railway facilities, shipyards and foundries. One person who was in Hamburg within the last three weeks said the port must have lost at least half of its normal harbourage value.

### Town Hall In Ruins

The Hamburg Stock Exchange was gutted; the town hall practically demolished; several big stores and the headquarters of the board of public works damaged. The Lombard bridge was hit, and a small army of workmen had to be diverted to repair it. The main railway station and the Dammtor station escaped decisive damage, though both were hit. The nearby Wallhafen Hotel was destroyed.

In the suburb of Altona, the Blohm and Voss dockyards were smashed.

Another account reported that production of war material in Stuttgart had been severely curtailed as a result of bomb destruction. Factories seriously damaged included the Mauser rifle factory at Oberndorf, and the Mannheim gunpowder factory and the Daimler-Benz motor works at Stuttgart-Berfach. Huge shelters were being constructed beneath the market place in Stuttgart in expectation of increased activity by the R.A.F.

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## PACIFISTS HELPING IN WAR

Pacifist service units have been formed in England to undertake humanitarian work, says a bulletin received in London by the Australian Peace Pledge Union.

They have been very active in air raids and were still in training when the raids began, but they went into action. They formed first-aid bicycle patrols and were often the first to rescue people from wrecked houses and debris.

In one Thames-side area they are responsible for medical aid in 200 shelters.

A special unit in Sheffield is assisting in research into scabies, a skin disease, which tends to become severe in wartime and members have volunteered to contract it for experimental purposes.

ANY CUSTOMERS?

# NIGHT FIGHTERS TOLD "TRADE IS SLACK"

(By A London Correspondent)

THE LUFTWAFFE'S DIMINISHED BUT STILL CONSIDERABLE FORCES THAT HAVE BEEN LEFT TO OPERATE ON THE WESTERN FRONT HAVE ALREADY TAKEN SUCH A HAMMERING THAT THEY ARE BEGINNING TO PLAY FOR SAFETY.

I have just been on a visit to one of the fighter stations from which the big R.A.F. night and day offensive is being conducted, and their pilots are complaining that it is becoming increasingly difficult to bring the Nazi airmen to battle.

## FOILING THE U-BOAT

Across a long table two rows of men face each other. On one side they wear naval uniforms. On the other nearly all are in civilian suits.

First the senior officer of the Naval Control Service, a captain, who acts as chairman, explains the points contained in the sheets of sailing orders, instructions and other secret documents which each merchant navy captain has before him.

Then he calls on the Royal Naval Reserve officer who is to be commodore of this convoy to address the men who will look to him for guidance throughout their voyage. He will sail in the senior ship of the convoy. He explains what he wishes them to do and what action he proposes to take in various emergencies.

Questions having been asked and answered, the senior officer of the warships which will escort the convoy tells what experience has taught him about the best way for them to cooperate in beating the U-boat and the aeroplane.

He is followed by a captain whose interest is the defensive guns on merchant ships. Then a youthful-looking R.A.F. pilot explains the air protection which his Service affords.

Finally the chairman rises to introduce the Commander-in-Chief, who has found time from his work of directing the Battle of the Atlantic to come along and explain the position as he sees it.

So ends the convoy conference. The merchant navy captains return to their ships to prepare for sailing.

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## GIBRALTAR NEGLECTED

NOT UNTIL ITALY CAME INTO THE WAR AND FRANCE COLLAPSED WERE THE "SADLY NEGLECTED" DEFENCES OF GIBRALTAR GIVEN A HIGH POSITION OF PRIORITY TO BRING THEM UP TO REQUIREMENTS.

This was stated by the former Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Clive Liddell.

To the question, "Is Gibraltar impregnable?" he gave this answer in a speech at the Overseas League Club in London.

"That is one of the things Hitler would like to know, and I cannot see why we should tell him. He can go and find out for himself."

He said his predecessors at Gibraltar had pointed out clearly the position of the defences, but nothing was done.

On his arrival there in 1939, with war looming ahead, he was not surprised by the position.

But when given priority, armaments stores, food, etc., poured in—almost faster than they could absorb them.

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## ESCAPED PRISONER KILLED

Oberleutnant Martin Mueller, German prisoner of war, who escaped from an internment camp near Schreiber, Ontario, was shot dead when he resisted recapture.

The offensive has become so intense and continuous that relays of R.A.F. pilots are now taking off all through the day and all through the night.

Clouds of day fighters cross the coast to escort bombers that are dropping a heavy weight of high-explosives on vital targets.

After dark night fighters take over the job of sweeping the skies here, while big bomber formations strike deep and hard into Germany.

### Without A Break

In the last 24 hours fighters from this station have been on the offensive almost without a break, and I have been listening in to some of the radio telephone exchanges between pilots and the ground control.

During one daylight sweep the ground control asked the leader of one of the fighter formations how the operation was going.

"Very nicely," came the answer. "A factory has just come up and hit the clouds."

On their return to the airfield the fighter pilots gave us a description of the terrific destruction caused by the outsize bombs of the heavy bombers.

Leading one of the fighter formations was a wing-commander, a pilot who won fame in the Battle of Britain.

"How did you get on?" an officer asked him on his return. "Oh, I can only claim three 'frightened,'" he replied. He explained that the enemy had made off at top speed whenever he attempted to bring them to action. Several fighter pilots had the same complaint.

As soon as darkness fell the night fighters went up to look for enemy raiders.

### A Blank Night

I spent the night in the radio office and pilots' rest room of a squadron that flies fast Beau-fighters that are so powerfully armed that a single burst from their guns will blow a bomber to pieces.

With the help of "special" devices, these night fighters have been able to score many successes. It was, however, a blank night for the squadron because the enemy bombers did not come in the area.

Over the radio telephone I listened to the pilots being given their instructions by the ground control, and again and again their hopeful voices came through: "Any customers coming along? Any about?"

"No," ground control replied. "Trade is very slack." "Good team work is the secret of success against night bombers," a D.F.C. pilot-officer told me.

## RED NAILS UPSET MAYORESS

Red fingernails of girl conductors on Corporation buses have upset Reading's woman Deputy Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Alice Jenkins, who said: "I suggest that the chairman of the Transport Committee or the manager of the transport undertaking should tell these girls that it would look nice if they came to work without these red fingernails."

## HIP, HIP, HOO-RUHR

An admission by the German newspaper "Allgemeine Zeitung" reveals that the Ruhr is still the industrial heart of Germany.

"The fate of the Ruhr area is the fate of Germany," said the newspaper.

For the past weeks the R.A.F., by their intensified raids, have been trying to decide that fate.

Although Germany has built many war factories in Austria and Poland, it is pointed out in London that it is almost impossible to move the steel industry away from its raw materials.

## BULLIES IN HOODS

An Italian, 53, interned in the Isle of Man, told Douglas magistrates that three young Fascist internees wearing white Ku Klux Klan masks entered his bedroom and battered him unconscious because of his pro-British sympathies.

The assault occurred on the anniversary of Italy's entry into war. The victim, Antonio Castellini, has been in hospital.

The accused, Florenxi Ferrari, 21; Feorelli Terroni, 22; formerly of London, and Mario Gallo, 21, of Edinburgh, were each given the maximum sentence of six months' hard labour.

Castellini said the three men shouted: "We will make you a good Fascist."

### Hung Up Union Jack

He denied he tried to form a free Italian group in camp, but said he hung up a Union Jack beside the Italian flag and was forced to take it down.

Castellini claimed to be a loyal Italian, but described Mussolini as a superficial figure.

The Home Secretary is to be asked in the Commons about "the rioting after heavy drinking," by certain Italians interned in the Isle of Man in celebration of the anniversary of Italy's entry into the war.

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## SPY-HUT ON STILTS

A hut built on stilts in a desolate spot, overlooking the trans-Atlantic sea lanes and an aerodrome used by British-bound bombers, was among the nests in the huge spy ring recently smashed by G-men.

The hut was deceptively tumbling-down-in-appearance, but inside was a short-wave transmitter and powerful binoculars on a tripod.

Every plane arriving on its way to England could be seen and British ships laden with war supplies watched steaming into the Atlantic.

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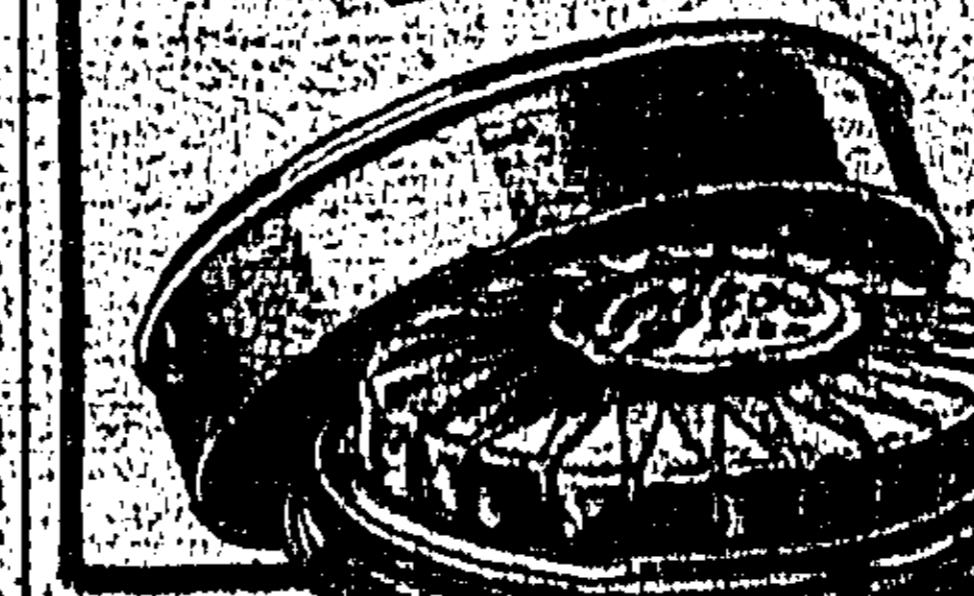
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## BRIDGE NOTES

## A SERIES OF MISTAKES

## By The Four Aces

"Who was more at fault in the bidding of this hand?" asks a Miami reader.

South, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable.

## NORTH

♦ 10 3  
♥ 7  
♦ K Q 10 6 5 2

♦ K 8 2

## WEST

♦ A 8 7 2  
♥ K 6 4 3  
♦ 9 4  
♦ J 10 4

## EAST

♦ K Q 3 9  
5 4  
♦ Q 10 2  
♦ 8 2  
♦ 8 6

## SOUTH

♦ 6  
♥ A J 9 8 5  
♦ A J 7  
♦ A Q 7 1

The bidding:

South West North East

1 C Pass 2 D 2 A

3 C 4 D Pass Pass

4 C Pass Pass Pass

5 C

The question is so close that we're almost ready to give up. But, after much thought, we think that South is more to blame. North might conceivably distrust the club bid; but surely South could rely on North's diamond suit. There was therefore no reason for South to rebid a heart suit which North had twice refused to raise, while abandoning a rebid diamond suit for which South had excellent support.

North's bidding, however, would not earn him a medal. He should certainly have raised the clubs instead of rebidding the diamonds. And when South went to four hearts, North should have shown his preference between South's two suits by taking him to five clubs.

We think that it would take exceptionally good bidders to reach the slam in this hand because it is difficult for South to realise that North has a singleton heart. And North finds it difficult to bid the slam since he may fear that South has weaker clubs and slightly more strength in hearts (where it would be useless). But even average bidders, if they were disposed to be reasonable rather than stubborn, would reach a minor-suit game; either North would raise the clubs or South would raise the diamonds.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♦ K 9 7  
♥ 3 2  
♦ A J 10 4  
♦ K J 6 5

The bidding:

Jacoby You Soltensen Burnstone

1 C Pass 2 D 2 A

Pass 3 A Pass Pass

5 C (?) Pass

ANSWER: Double. Your jump to four spades was based very largely on strength which is just as good on defense as on offense. You can probably pick the ten out of five hearts, while five spades might be an unsound contract.

Score 100% for double, 40% for pass, 20% for five spades.

## Question No. 818

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

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Pass 4 C Pass Pass  
5 C Dbl. Pass 5 A

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## GERMANY THEIR NEW HOME

Children of Belgians employed in Germany will be given preferential treatment in the evacuation of 10,000 Belgian children to Germany, according to Berlin radio.

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## STORY OF PATROL IN A HAVOC

(By Drew Middleton)

AMERICAN-MADE Douglas Havocs are patrolling every night the most dangerous beats in the world — the shell-filled air above the Luftwaffe's aerodromes in northern France and the Low Countries.

This correspondent visited a squadron which for six months has flown the big two-engined planes over the Channel to patrol, in good weather and bad, over Nazi air fields.

that; how for a drink? He flashes his recognition lights—and then I dive.

"Flak lit up the place like a carnival, but we made it."

The youths who fly these monsters are nineteen and twenty years old. The night this correspondent was there one of them became twenty-one. His mates hauled him out of bed, roughhoused him and then cheered thunderously when he ordered champagne all around.

He looked like a high-school boy. To-night he will be over there in the wide sky, waiting for the German bombers to come home. Then he will dive, let go and head for home.



You no longer are of the younger generation if your day holds nothing more for you than a lot of headaches.

## BOOS FOR COWARD

When Noel Coward appeared on the stage of the Piccadilly Theatre at the end of his new play, "Bitter-Sweet," there was a little boozing from the gallery and a shrill voice called out: "Rubish!" several times.

A sceptical author arranges for a seance to study medium mystic methods. To his consternation a spirit is materialised and proves to be his first wife. This ghostly wife comes to live in the house and carries on a duel with his real wife.

Fay Compton, Kay Hammond, Margaret Rutherford and Cecil Parker play the principal parts.

## CAN'T BUY PRAMS

In six leading London stores there were only two prams for sale. Reason for the shortage is the wait for the production of the standardised "national pram."

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## RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Hey! Stop Kissing My Sister; It Was Wonderful Then...

Joe Reichman &amp; his Orchestra.

Tangos—Pobre Francesita; Manilla...

Bernard Alimony &amp; his Argentine Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—When June Comes;

Quick-Step—You Gorgeous Dancing Doll...

Alex Moore presents Mantovani &amp; his Music for Dancing.

Fox-Trots—Oh! Buddy I'm In Love; Down Ev'ry Street...

Jay Wilbur &amp; his Band.

Waltz—By the Sleepy Lagoon...

New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time: Signal and Programming Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's Opera.

'The Pirates of Penzance'—Overture

...The Light Opera Orchestra.

'Iolanthe'—My Lord, A Suppliant At Your Feet...

Nellie Bricciflffe; It May Not Be...N. Bricciflffe, B.

Lewis &amp; Chorus with Orchestra.

'Iolanthe'—Oh, Shameless One,

Tremble; Soon As We May...

Winfred Lawson, Nellie Bricciflffe, Lewis Oldham, D. Fancourt &amp; Chorus with Orchestra.

'Patience'—When I Go Out Of Door

...George Baker &amp; Rands; I'm A Waterloo House Young Man...

Rands &amp; Chorus (Girls); Finale, Act 2...

Full Company; If Saphir I Choose To Marry...Derek Oldham, M. Green, M. Eyre, Nellie Bricciflffe with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Wish Wynne &amp; Jack Warner in Variety.

Vocal—What! The Old Blue Pencil? (Warner &amp; Evans); Yer Can't 'Eip Laughin' (Warner)...Jack ('Blue Pencil') Warner with Orchestra, Orchestral—Falling In Love With You (Young, Kahn); I'm Getting Sentimental Over You (Baffman)...

Andy Iona &amp; his Islanders.

Comedienne—A Servant Girl; Our District Visitor (Wynne) ... Wish Wynne (Unaccompl.).

Vibraphone—Treadin' (In Sticky Tempo); Running Around (Robbins) ... Harry Robbins &amp; The Four Bright Sparks.

Vocal—Are You Havin' Any Fun (from "The Little Dog Laughed") ... Jack Warner &amp; Sonny with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Kenny Baker, Judy Garland, Warner &amp; Darnell, Harold Ramsay, Baldwin &amp; Howard in Variety Programme.

Comedians—Bluebeard (What A Nasty Thing To Do—Darnell); On The Good Ship Ballyhoo (Darnell) ... Warner and Darnell.

Organ—St. Louis Blues (Handy) ... Harold Ramsay.

Vocal—Swing, Mister Charlie (Robinson, Taylor, Brooks); Stompin' At The Savoy (Goodman, Webb, Sampson)...Judy Garland with Orchestra accompaniment.

Piano Duet—Plano-Time Melodies (No. 1)—Intro: China Boy; You're In Kentucky Sure As You're Born; Sheik Of Araby; Japanese Sandman; Bye Bye Blues; Who's Sorry Now...Baldwin &amp; Howard with Bass &amp; Drums.

Vocal—You Walk By (Wayne-Raleigh); Chapel In The Valley (Rene-Lange-Porter) ... Kenny Baker with Orchestra.

Organ—Popular Melodies—No. 3—Intro: Pennies From Heaven; In The Chapel In The Moonlight; Another Perfect Night Is Ending; I'll Sing You A Thousand Love Songs, There's A Small Hotel; Did Your Mother Come From Ireland...Harold Ramsay.

Comedians—Sally The Circus Queen (Weston-Lee); The Legionaires (Intro: "Marietta" — Darnell) ... Warner &amp; Darnell.

7.30 p.m.—Popular Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Ma (He's Making Eyes At Me) ... Dick Robertson &amp; his Orch.

Fox-Trot—The Band Played On (from film "Strawberry Blonde") ... The Jesters.

Fox-Trot—The Monkeys Have No Tails In Pago Pago .... The Milt Herth Trio.

Fox-Trots—Down Argentine Way (from the film); Two Dreams Met (from film "Down Argentine Way") ... Oscar Rabin &amp; his Band.

Waltz—The Merry Widow ... March Weber &amp; his Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trots—The Sheik Of Araby; Coal Black Mammy...Arthur Young &amp; Hatchett's Swing-tette.

Fox-Trot—Yes, My Darling Daughter ... Benny Goodman &amp; his Orch.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay — War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post"; Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—A Mozart Song.

Within These Sacred Walls (from "The Magic Flute")...Ivan Andresen (Bass) with Orchestra.

8.37 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony, in D, No. 35.

Allegro con Spirito—Andante—Minuetto &amp; Trio—Finale...The Halle Orchestra cond. by Sir Hamilton Harty.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time: Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—To-night We Present!!! The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra ... A Programme arranged by John Abbott.

9.45 p.m.—News, in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

The Two Imps (Alford).

Dancer Of Seville (Grunow).

Echoes Of The Valley (Jean Gennin).

The Merry Middies (Brooke).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay — The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—"Band Waggon" with Arthur Askey; Richard Murdoch and others.

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## DESERT PIRATES HONOURED

Mr. Churchill has asked to be godfather to the baby son of Britain's No. 1 fighter pilot, Wing-Commander A. G. Malan, who has just been awarded a bar to his D.S.O.

He is the first airman to win a bar to both the D.F.C. and D.S.O. in the present war, and only the second ever to gain these "doubles."

Wing-Commander Malan, who is leader of the crack No. 74 Squadron, now has thirty-five German machines to his credit.

## Premier's Offer

The Premier met him at his R.A.F. station recently and Mr. Churchill asked him about his one-year-old son.

"He is to be christened soon," Malan told him. "We thought about calling him Winston." "I'd like to be his godfather," said Mr. Churchill.

Baby Winston was born a week after Dunkirk. His airman father is a South African, his mother English.

The other holder of the D.S.O.-D.F.C. "double" is Wing-Commander Staton, who won the D.F.C. and bar and the M.C. in the last war, and the D.S.O. and bar in this.

## MAY MARRY ATTACKER

Saying she had forgiven her fiance for hitting her over the head with a stocking filled with sand, a girl stated at the Old Bailey that she might continue their engagement later.

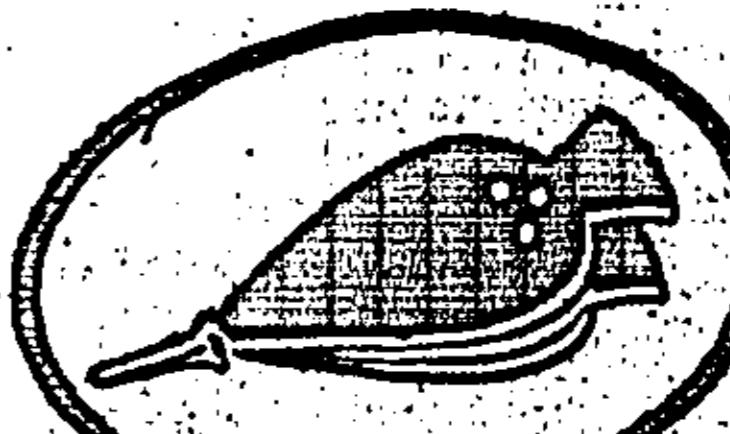
Robert Hamilton Shennan, 33, labourer, of Hendon, Middlesex, pleaded guilty to causing her grievous bodily harm, and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

His fiancee, Miss Doreen Williams, said she was not prepared to continue with the engagement at the moment.

On the day Shennan was charged, it was alleged he said: "I was jealous of another fellow. We were ever so happy together and I was going to marry her to-day."

It was pleaded that Shennan had already been "terribly punished."

The affair, said his counsel, accelerated the death of his father, and his mother was "just hovering between life and death."



## FELLOWSHIP OF THE BELLOWS

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# FEW CHANGES LIKELY IN 'VARSITY ELEVEN THIS CRICKET SEASON

By "Incog."

University will be holding their annual cricket meeting early in October, and indications now are that they will have very much the same team as that which did duty for them last season.

## ARMY'S BOLD BID

Three games were played yesterday in Third Division of the Lawn Tennis League, Army Tennis Club beating Chinese Recreation Club (1) to consolidate their position as challengers to South China for the title.

At Cox's Road, Craignow Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by  $6\frac{1}{2}$  sets to  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

R. Kloss and D. Joyce (K.C.C.) lost to W. J. Howard and J. C. Yiu 3-0, drew with Dr. Ling and Dr. Tsui 0-0, lost to K. L. Lee and J. W. Leonard 1-0.

R. O. Baker and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.) beat Howard and Yiu 7-5, beat Ling and Tsui 6-0, lost to Lee and Leonard 5-7.

A. Zimmern and A. Gillard (K.C.C.) lost to Howard and Yiu 0-0, lost to Ling and Tsui 2-0, lost to Lee and Leonard 0-0.

### Army Drop One Set

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Chinese Recreation Club (1) by 8 sets to 1.

Sgt. Duffield and S/Sgt. Emberson (A.T.C.)

beat T. F. Lo and H. N. Chau 6-4

beat C. Wei and K. Y. Chan 6-4

beat P. H. Chiu and K. N. Li 6-1

Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Murray (A.T.C.)

beat Lu and Chau 6-4

beat Wei and Chan 6-1

beat Chiu and Li 6-1

Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Denyer (A.T.C.)

lost to Lo and Chau 2-6

beat Wei and Chan 6-4

beat Chiu and Li 6-4

### Points For Recreio

Indian Recreation Club lost to Club de Recreio by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  sets to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  at Sookunpoo.

A. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell

beat B. T. Gosano and M. A. Oliveira 6-4

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C.R.O.	8	2	0 62/2 27/2 16
F.C.	7	3	0 58/2 29/2 14
I.R.C.	5	4	1 40/2 49/2 11
A.T.C.	4	5	1 47/2 42/2 9
P.O.R.C. (1)	4	6	0 40/2 50/2 8
C.B.A.	3	7	0 34/2 53/2 6
P.O.R.C. (2)	3	7	0 24/2 65/2 6
J.R.C.	1	9	0 29/2 60/2 2
K.I.T.C.	10	10	0 9/2 68/2 0

### Smith's Tennis Win

In a Second Round game in the Army Other Ranks Tennis Singles Championship, yesterday, Sgt. Smith (Army Dental Corps) beat S/Sgt. Mitchell (R.E.) 6-3, 6-1.

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Matches in the Open Basketball League decided at Chinese YMCA last evening resulted in wins for Youths over Trojans by 37 points to 32, and Yu Leang over Residents' Union by 38 points to 28.

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TABLE TENNIS

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S.C.A.A.	9	0 0 0 0 0 0 1/2 10/2 12
A.T.C.	9	0 1 0 0 0 0 1/2 18/2 16
C.C.C.	7	0 1 0 0 0 0 24/2 12
C.R.C. (2)	9	0 3 0 0 0 0 24/2 11
C.D.R.	0	6 2 0 1 42/2 30/2 11
K.I.T.C.	8	4 3 0 0 0 0 29/2 32/2 9
K.C.C.	10	3 7 0 29/2 61/2 12
C.R.C. (1)	6	2 4 0 0 23/2 20/2 14
K.T.G.C.A.	7	2 0 0 0 0 0 40/2 47/2 14
H.K.U.T.O.	0	1 7 0 0 24/2 27/2 11
I.R.C.	10	0 10 0 0 0 0 20/2 71/2 0

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# CORINTH CANAL RAID

## R.A.F. Activity In The Middle East

### GIGANTIC CONVOY SAFELY OVER

One of the largest convoys ever to cross the Atlantic recently reached a British port, the gigantic freight unloaded and dispersed.

Not a ship or man of the convoy or escort became a casualty.—Reuter.

### MALTA GRATEFUL

A SHIELD INSCRIBED "IN TOKEN OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE BRILLIANT SERVICES RENDERED IN DEFENCE OF THESE ISLANDS" WAS PRESENTED TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND FLEET AIR ARM BY THE ANGLO-MALTESE LEAGUE ON TUESDAY, IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF MALTA.

Air Vice-Marshal Lloyd, replying to the speech by the president of the League, said: "We have been called the Knights of St. John—they cleared the seas of the scourge of piracy, our task is to clear the air of the scourge of dictatorship, and we will. Malta and its history is an inspiration to us all."—Reuter.

### Direct Hits On Both Banks

THE CORINTH CANAL has again been heavily bombed, announced yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communiqué, which says the raid took place on the night of September 8/9 and was carried out by R.A.F. heavy bombers.

Direct hits were registered on both banks and it is estimated considerable damage was caused.

On the same night Heraklion aerodrome (Crete) was attacked. The landing grounds at Tmimi, Martuba, Derna, and Gazala, were raided.

Our aircraft subsequently carried out machine-gun attacks on motor transport on the road between Derna and Tobruk, starting a number of fires.

R.A.F. fighters patrolling over shipping off the Cyrenaica coast were attacked by a larger force of Messerschmitt 109's but the attack was beaten off and no subsequent raid by enemy bombers materialised.

During the same night enemy aircraft raided Malta but caused only slight damage to civilian property.

#### Cant Shot Down

On of our night fighters shot down a Cant ZI, 007 into the sea after it had been caught in searchlights. Five survivors of the crew were captured.

On the same night an unsuccessful attempt was made to raid Haifa. No damage or casualties were caused.

On Tuesday night enemy aircraft twice attacked R.A.F. stations in the Canal Zone. On both occasions our night fighters intercepted the enemy.

One Junkers 88 was shot down and another damaged. There were no R.A.F. casualties and damage caused was slight.

From all the above operations two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

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"On Sept. 8, 59 German aircraft were destroyed in air combat, and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 27 planes.

"On Sept. 9 German planes made several attempts to raid Leningrad but every time were driven back by our air force and A.A. fire.

"At about 10 p.m. some isolated enemy planes broke through to Leningrad at a high altitude and dropped high explosives and incendiaries in various parts of the city. Several fires broke out in dwelling houses as a result of air raids.

"Our air force and A.A. destroyed 31 German planes on the approaches to Leningrad over the city and on enemy aerodromes."—Reuter.

### HUNTING DOWN SHIPPING

Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuing to hunt enemy shipping off the southwest coast of Norway and yesterday located a German convoy and torpedoed a supply vessel, states the Air Ministry news service.

One Beaufort, piloted by the squadron commander, flew through heavy A.A. fire to release its torpedo.

The air gunner of another Beaufort, describing the result of another hit, said: "A massive white cloud of spray and steam shot up" and when last seen the ship had come to a complete standstill.

A third Beaufort had a 20-minutes fight with a Messerschmitt.

The rear gunner was wounded and replaced by the wireless operator who already had been wounded but continued to operate the gun until the Messerschmitt gave up the chase after receiving many hits.

While the crippled Beaufort was limping home the crew—all sergeants—though knowing they might come down in the sea, took off their life-saving jackets to make a comfortable bed for the wounded gunner.

The other Beauforts returned safely.—Reuter.

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# RUSSIA TAKING OFFENSIVE

## Recapture Of Smolensk Rumoured

Roosevelt  
Speech  
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**TO**  
**CONFER**

President Roosevelt yesterday completed the address on foreign affairs which he is to deliver at 2 a.m. (G.M.T.) on Friday at the White House.

The President emphasised the importance he attaches to the speech by increasing its length and he will now speak for 25 minutes instead of 15 as originally planned.

President Roosevelt completed the speech at his Hyde Park (N.Y.) home just before leaving in a special train for Washington. HE ASKED HIS SECRETARIAT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT OR TO-DAY WITH MR. CORDELL HULL (SECRETARY OF STATE), COL. KNOX (NAVY SECRETARY) AND MR. STIMSON (WAR SECRETARY).

When asked whether these proposed talks had any connection with the radio speech the President's secretary, Mr. Hassett, replied: "You might make your own deductions."

The President is accompanied by his wife, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Lease and Lend Supervisor, joined the train at New York. — Reuter.

**TO ALLOW  
NO DELAY  
BY IRAN**

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, made it clear in the House of Commons yesterday that Great Britain would brook no delay in the implementing of the Anglo-Russian Agreement with Iran.

In reply to a question, Mr. Eden said that the Anglo-Russian terms, which were accepted by the Iranian Government, provided that the German Minister and his staff must leave Iran immediately, and the German Legation closed.

This also applies to the Italian, Hungarian and Rumanian Legations. — Reuter.

## Roles Reversed On Central Front

(By Annalist)

**RUSSIA IS TAKING THE OFFENSIVE. FROM SMOLENSK TO GOMEL, SOVIET TROOPS, FOLLOWING A SERIES OF CONCENTRATED BLOWS AT SPECIFIC POINTS, ARE BELIEVED TO BE DEVELOPING A LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE ACTION.**

The latest indication is the report that German attempts in the Gomel sector to assume the offensive were met by counter-attacks and followed up by a counter-offensive, which smashed one German motorised division and destroyed the headquarters of another.

Reports are circulating that Smolensk itself has been retaken — or what is left of it — but there is neither confirmation nor denial of this from Russian sources although confirmation of its recapture is expected hourly.

## Safe Passage Refused

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, revealed yesterday that the Germans had refused to assure safe passage to any American vessel proceeding to Britain to fetch U.S. citizens.

The State Department, he said, therefore had taken emergency measures to permit Americans stranded in belligerent countries to return home in planes and ships other than American.

He emphasised that this was not blanket authorisation to use belligerent transport facilities but would be limited to applications to accommodate Americans marooned many months.

There had been a terrific clamour among Americans in Britain, Europe and Asia to return, Mr. Hull explained, adding that between 75 and 100 in Britain alone must return within a few weeks or lose their citizenship.

A large number of technicians who went to England in connection with the war now wished to return. — Reuter.

that the four Legations have been requested to comply forthwith, and the Iranian Government are taking steps to hand over the German community to the British and Soviet Governments. — Reuter.

It is probable in a few days there will be no Nazis anywhere east of the Dnieper, even in its upper reaches, and that the Soviet counter-offensive has resulted in the complete removal of the German threat to turn the defences of the upper Dnieper by an outflanking movement from the north as was done with such disastrous effect in the Dnieper Bend.

IF THE NAZIS WANT THE OTHER, HALF OF THE UKRAINE THEY WILL HAVE TO TRY A FRONTAL ATTACK ACROSS THE LOWER DNEIPEL AND WITH BETTER SUCCESS THAN THEY ARE AT PRESENT ACHIEVING.

## Surging Masses

Fighting, as it has been developed in the Russian campaign by the Nazis, proceeds by enormous surging movements of vast masses of men and materials which gather momentum as they go and are incapable of being stopped.

Superb fighting skill can gradually slow them to a temporary standstill by applying a breaking action to their impetus. It is then only a matter of days or even hours before the movement restarts, develops, is slowed and held.

THREE TIMES HAVE THE RUSSIANS THUS HELD THE ENTIRE MIGHT OF THE NAZI SURGES FORWARD AND THREE TIMES THEY FOUGHT THEM TO A STANDSTILL.

Indications are that this time it is the Russians who will initiate the forward movement and it remains to be seen whether the Germans are as good at applying the brake as they are at rolling forward by sheer weight of massed metal and an incredible disregard for wholesale massacre of their manpower. — Reuter.

## CORDELL HULL DISCOURSES OPTIMISM

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at his press conference yesterday, said he had no advices of any impending agreement or announcement concerning the Japanese-American talks, which had been under way for several months.

Mr. Hull added there was nothing new in the Japanese-American situation. — Reuter.

## FREEZING ORDER QUERIES

Asked in the House of Commons for a statement on the trade barter agreement with Japan, Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, said no general barter arrangement nor anything inconsistent with the strict enforcement of the freezing order had ever been contemplated.

The use of frozen funds for new exports to Japan was not permitted.

If it should be found desirable exceptionally to license any particular imports from Japan it would be a matter for consideration of what exports should be allowed against such imports and how payment should be effected.

It was probable that this could best be done by setting up a separate clearing account if and when the need for it should arise.

At present, however, no such imports have been licensed and consequently no question of payment arises. — Reuter.



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# Germans Suffer Heavily In Moscow Counter-Offensive

## 4,000 Drowned In River Battle

**IN A SECOND FIERCE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE SOUTH-EAST OF SMOLENSK, IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE FRONT, MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO'S FORCES HAVE DRIVEN THE GERMANS ACROSS THE RIVER "M." DESTROYING 238 TANKS, 50 AIRCRAFT, 486 LORRIES AND 135 GUNS, ACCORDING TO THE WAR CORRESPONDENT OF "RED STAR," THE SOVIET ARMY ORGAN.**

Some 4,000 Germans were drowned in the river, he claims. Although the name of the river is withheld, it may be noted that the Dnieper runs southwards between Smolensk and Yelnya, the city 45 miles south-east of Smolensk which the Russians have already captured.

The correspondent of the "Red Star" writes: "Our gallant troops continue their operations, destroying soldiers and equipment. Our troops forced the Germans to retreat beyond the river.

"The German command massed in this sector a panzer group consisting of several tank divisions and mechanised units.

"In this sector, by means of this 'wedge,' the enemy intended to assure his advance in an eastern direction.

"For several days and nights the Soviet air force violently attacked the tanks and the enemy rear.

### Battle Of Tanks

"The battle of tanks continued five days in conjunction with the air force and other arms. Soviet tanks vigorously attacked the enemy columns.

"ENDEAVOURING TO PREVENT THE ADVANCE OF OUR TROOPS THE ENEMY SHOWED FIERCE RESISTANCE.

"Battles near the river crossing were particularly stubborn. But the resistance of the enemy was broken.

"In the course of these battles the Germans lost 238 tanks, 50 planes, 486 lorries, 34 motor-cycles, 25,000 rounds of ammunition, 135 guns, 39 machine-guns, 27 mine-throwers, 65 cases of shells and a quantity of automatic arms.

"About 4,000 German officers and men found their graves in the river.

### Falling Back

"Already considerably battered, the 17th Nazi Tank Division lost on the battlefield 60 tanks, 30 guns, 80 lorries and 1,600 men killed and wounded.

"An effective blow was dealt another German tank division, 600 officers and men being killed.

"Germans taken prisoner speak with horror of the concentrated blows of Soviet tanks, artillery and the air forces.

"The Nazis are falling back under the powerful blows of our troops and operations for smashing the enemy panzer group are continuing."

### Midnight Communiqué

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"At about 10 p.m. some isolated enemy planes broke through to Leningrad at a high altitude and

### NOTHING TO CAUSE EXCITEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

**FOLLOWING JUDGMENT (WHICH IS TO BE DELIVERED TO-MORROW) ON 12 COUNTS OF EMBEZZLING U.S. COURT PROPERTY WHICH SAM TITLEBAUM FACES IN SHANGHAI, THE USTWHILE U.S. DEPUTY MARSHAL WILL BE ARRAIGNED ON THREE ADDITIONAL COUNTS OF FALSIFYING HIS IDENTITY AND FINGER-PRINTS.**

In his summing up yesterday the District Attorney, Leighton E. Shields, who prosecuted, termed Titlebaum "a vile man" and a blot and disgrace on the American Court in Shanghai.

Mr. Shields produced considerable evidence to prove Titlebaum was heavily in debt to local night clubs and amusement resorts, charging accused sold the guns and ammunition belonging to the Court in an effort to clear up outstanding obligations.

Defence counsel, Paul Kops, claimed Titlebaum's debts only amounted approximately to 8,000 Chinese dollars and were "nothing to get excited about."

It is believed Titlebaum will face a more serious portion of his present predicament when he is arraigned on the three additional counts.—International News Service.

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### PUSHING UP WAR OUTPUT

Mr. Jesse Jones, U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator, announced yesterday that the Defence Plant Corporation is financing the additional production of 30 million lb. of aluminium and 112 million lb. of magnesium at a cost of \$72 million.

This will bring total aluminium capacity to 1,130 million lb.—Reuter.

### RECRUIT DID NOT WORRY

The prospect of parachuting from 10,000 feet through fog worried an R.A.F. pupil pilot so little that, just before he jumped, he returned to his instructor to ask for the telephone number of his station. He jotted it down and then jumped—this time from 7,000 feet. His confidence was justified for he landed unhurt.

The story is told by Pilot-officer E. X. Sinclair, of Melbourne, formerly of the staff of the Australian Associated Press, who was the instructor.

### Flying In Fog

Recently Sinclair, instructing in night-flying, found himself in blinding fog, through which, for six hours, he was unable to find an opening. As the petrol gauges went lower and lower, Sinclair prayed for the "juice" to hold out till dawn.

After flying 1,000 miles, all the time fearing that any moment he might be over the sea and all the time unable to locate the landing grounds, which were signalling to him, he decided to bale out.

It was dawn, but Sinclair saw only a great sea of fog beneath. He had made a final attempt to land, but at 100 feet ascended again with five gallons left in the tanks.

### Told Pupil To Bale Out

At 10,000 feet Sinclair told the pupil that he would have to bale out, and instructed him that when he landed he must telephone his whereabouts to his station.

The pupil prepared to jump, and then returned, saying "Excuse me, sir. What's the station's telephone number?" The pupil wrote down the number, returned paper and pencil to his pocket, and prepared to jump. When the starboard engine stopped, Sinclair gave the signal. The pupil gave the "thumbs up" sign, grinned, and dived out at 7,000 feet. Sinclair also jumped.

### Pilot Gets A Fright

"I got a paralysing fright after pulling the rip-cord, when I found myself holding the rip-cord ring with nothing attached to it," Sinclair said. A split-second later I was jerked up-right and swayed freely on the harness. It was wonderful coming down. I was ringed by broken cloud, reddened every now and again by lightning flashes.

Sinclair landed unhurt in a wheat-field. He followed the course of a creek bed and met a cowhand, who insisted on carrying the parachute.

Sinclair, who was many miles from his station, learned later that the pupil was also unhurt. He also learned that he had flown through what normally was a balloon barrage. For once, however, the balloons were down.

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### IRONING OUT TAX BILL DIFFERENCES

The U.S. House and Senate conferees, considering the \$3,584,000,000 Tax Bill agreed upon a number of technical differences in connection with different versions of the legislation approved by the two chambers.

House leaders began efforts yesterday to have all members back on the job by September 16 to expedite final Congressional action on the Bill.—Reuter.

### OFFENSIVE PATROLS

Fighter Command aircraft, in the course of offensive patrols yesterday, attacked gun positions in north-west France and enemy ships in the North Sea.

One aircraft of the Fighter Command is missing, says an Air Ministry communiqué.—Reuter.

### GERMANS IN SARDINIA

SOME THOUSANDS OF GERMAN TROOPS HAVE RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH ITALY EN ROUTE TO SARDINIA, ACCORDING TO A TRAVELLER WHO HAS ARRIVED IN LISBON FROM ITALY.

The traveller states Sardinia is entirely in German occupation and no Italian is allowed to enter the island without a pass, so jealously is it guarded.

It is believed the Germans intend to reinforce the African front.—Reuter.

### REFUSES TO RESIGN

#### NEW ZEALAND NAVY NOW "ROYAL"

Announcing the King's approval of the New Zealand Navy henceforth being designated "Royal," the Acting Premier, Mr. Nash, said in Wellington yesterday all would be glad to associate themselves with this recognition of the war service of the New Zealand naval forces which the honour implied.—Reuter.

### AMAZING ODYSSEY: FRENCH ESCAPES FROM GERMANY

**THE AMAZING ODYSSEY OF 188 FRENCH OFFICERS AND MEN, CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS DURING THE BATTLE OF FRANCE LAST YEAR, WAS DISCLOSED WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT A LONDON RAILWAY STATION YESTERDAY MORNING WHERE THEY WERE GIVEN A WARM WELCOME BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREE FRENCH FORCES AND OF THE BRITISH ARMY.**

All these men escaped from various German prison camps and after incredible experiences and hardships succeeded in crossing the frontier into Russia.

In Russia they were interned but the Soviet authorities released them as soon as Germany attacked her.

A few of these men spoke German but one captain in particular, whose name must remain secret because he has a family in France, spoke German fluently.

Disguised in civilian clothes and often wading knee-deep in snow in the depth of winter, with the temperature 20 degrees below zero, they had to walk many miles before reaching Russia.

After release in Russia they were collected together and taken by ship to a British port.

**THEY ARE OF THE TOUGHEST TYPE IN THE FRENCH ARMY. MANY OF THEM HAD TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM NAZI PRISON CAMPS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE.**

### Burning Hatred

Many have wives and children in France, about whom they have been without news since they were taken prisoner last year.

All are filled with a burning hatred of the Germans, and their one ambition is to avenge last year's defeat of France.

They have, of course, joined the Free French forces.—Reuter.

### BALLROOM BAN ON OFFICERS

"A reactionary attempt by a military dictatorship to prevent the mixing of officers and men in social affairs."

This is how a member of Bournemouth Town Council described a Southern Command ban on the presence of Army officers in the municipal ballroom.

It was stated that one night, without warning, an officer and N.C.O. of the military police entered the ballroom, took the names of officers, telling them to leave and not to use the ballroom again.

Discussing a council recommendation to send a protest to the Under-Secretary of State for War and to the G.O.C. Southern Command, Dr. R. H. Lester said that R.A.F. naval and colonial officers could still use the ballroom.

A deputation is to discuss the matter with the G.O.C. Southern Command.

# BRITAIN GIVES GUARANTEE

## Use Of Lease And Lend Materials

### White Paper Published

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FIRM ASSURANCES RESPECTING THE USE OF MATERIALS RECEIVED UNDER THE LEASE AND LEND ACT, AND CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AS A WHITE PAPER.

Under yesterday's date, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, sent the United States Ambassador a memorandum in which he stated that all materials which Britain obtains under the Lease and Lend Act are required for the prosecution of the war effort.

The British Government has taken, and will continue to take action to ensure that these goods are not in any case diverted to the furtherance of private interests.

Lease and Lend materials sent to Britain have not been used for export, and every effort will be made to ensure that they will not be used for export, subject to the principles that where complete physical segregation of Lease and Lend materials is impracticable, domestic consumption of the material in question shall at least be equal to the amounts received under the Lease and Lend Act.

The British Government have not applied and will not apply any materials similar to those supplied under Lease and Lend in such a way as to enable their exporters to enter new markets or extend the export trade at the expense of U.S. exporters.

The U.K. export trade is restricted to the irreducible minimum necessary for the war effort.

#### Special List

No materials of the type whose use is being restricted in the United States on the grounds of short supply, and of which Britain obtains supplies from the United States, either by payment or of Lease and Lend terms, will be used in export with the exception of the following:

Firstly, material which is needed overseas for essential war supplies for ourselves and the Allies and which cannot be obtained from the United States.

Secondly, small quantities of such materials needed as components of exports which otherwise are composed of materials not in short supply in the United States.

Thirdly, repair parts for British machinery and plant now in use and needed to complete installations under construction, so long as they have already been contracted for.

Steps are being taken to prevent the export except to the Empire and Allied territories of such goods which do not come within the categories mentioned above.

#### Distribution

Materials similar to those provided under the Lease and Lend Act which are not in short supply in the United States will not be used for export in quantities greater than those for which Britain produces or buys from any source.

The Memorandum then goes on to deal with the distribution in the United Kingdom of Lease and Lend goods and states that the remuneration received by the distributor is controlled and will be no more than a fair return for services rendered.

The arrangements rigorously exclude any opportunity for speculative profit by private interests dealing in Lease and Lend goods.

#### No Discrimination

In the distribution of Lease and Lend goods, there will be no dis-

crimination against United States firms.

No goods obtained on Lease and Lend terms will be sold at uncontrolled prices.

Thus the general arrangements as regards the issue of Lease and Lend goods fits into the British Government's policy of stabilising the price of foodstuffs — a policy to which the Government contributes £100,000,000 per year.

The correspondence ends with a letter from Mr. John G. Winant to Mr. Eden, stating that the latter's memo will be transferred to Washington for the United States' Government's information.

It is explained in official quarters in London that the assurances are neither a reversion of Britain's export policy, nor do they mean a drastic restriction of trade.

Their effect, at most, would be to hasten certain restrictions which would have had to be made in any case.

That was being done to counteract the propaganda used by isolationists and others which is causing damage to the British cause in America. — Reuter.

### HITLER SHOWN UP

In a letter to the "New York Times," Dr. Foster Kennedy, one of New York's leading physicians, notes that Mr. John Cudahy, the former United States Ambassador to Belgium, in an article, describing Hitler's appearance, "unwittingly gives renewed currency to the falsehood that Hitler was blinded by gas in the last war."

Dr. Kennedy writes: "This statement has been merely a part of the character built up by the Führer. In 1935 I was told by one of the greatest medical men in the Reich that in 1932 he had himself investigated Hitler's official medical war record. It consisted of one hospital admission with the diagnosis 'hysterical amblyopia,' or blindness due to hysterical fear reaction. In 1934 my friend found that this record no longer existed."

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### 45'S TO REGISTER

The Ministry of Labour and National Service announces that under the Registration for Employment Order all men born in 1898 whatever their present employment will be required to register on Saturday next. — British Wireless.

### Another Door Closed

As the result of the Anglo-Soviet action in Iran, Germany will lose not only considerable food supplies but will also be deprived of substantial quantities of cotton, jute and boxwood.

A Ministry of Economic Warfare expert said in London yesterday that the "Sessa" was both torpedoed and shelled by the submarine, presumed to be German, without warning while bound from the United States to Iceland.

That supplies were short was shown by the fact that Jews in Germany have been deprived of the major portion of their bedding.

Germany's lack of jute would be even more acute owing to the loss of Iranian jute, hitherto exported to Germany in the form of Hessian and jute bags. Boxwood, which the Nazis also obtained from Iran, is one of the few woods of sufficiently good quality for use in the hand-filling of shells and bombs and is also used in the manufacture of mathematical instruments, cogs and tool handles. — Reuter.

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### AMBASSADOR INJURED

MR. DREXEL BIDDLE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN LONDON, WAS INJURED YESTERDAY WHILE WATCHING MANOEUVRES BY THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS BRIGADE IN THE MIDLANDS.

Mr. Biddle received a splinter in the leg and hand and was the first casualty to be treated in an ambulance which, with two mobile canteens, were recently presented to the Brigade by the American people. — Reuter.

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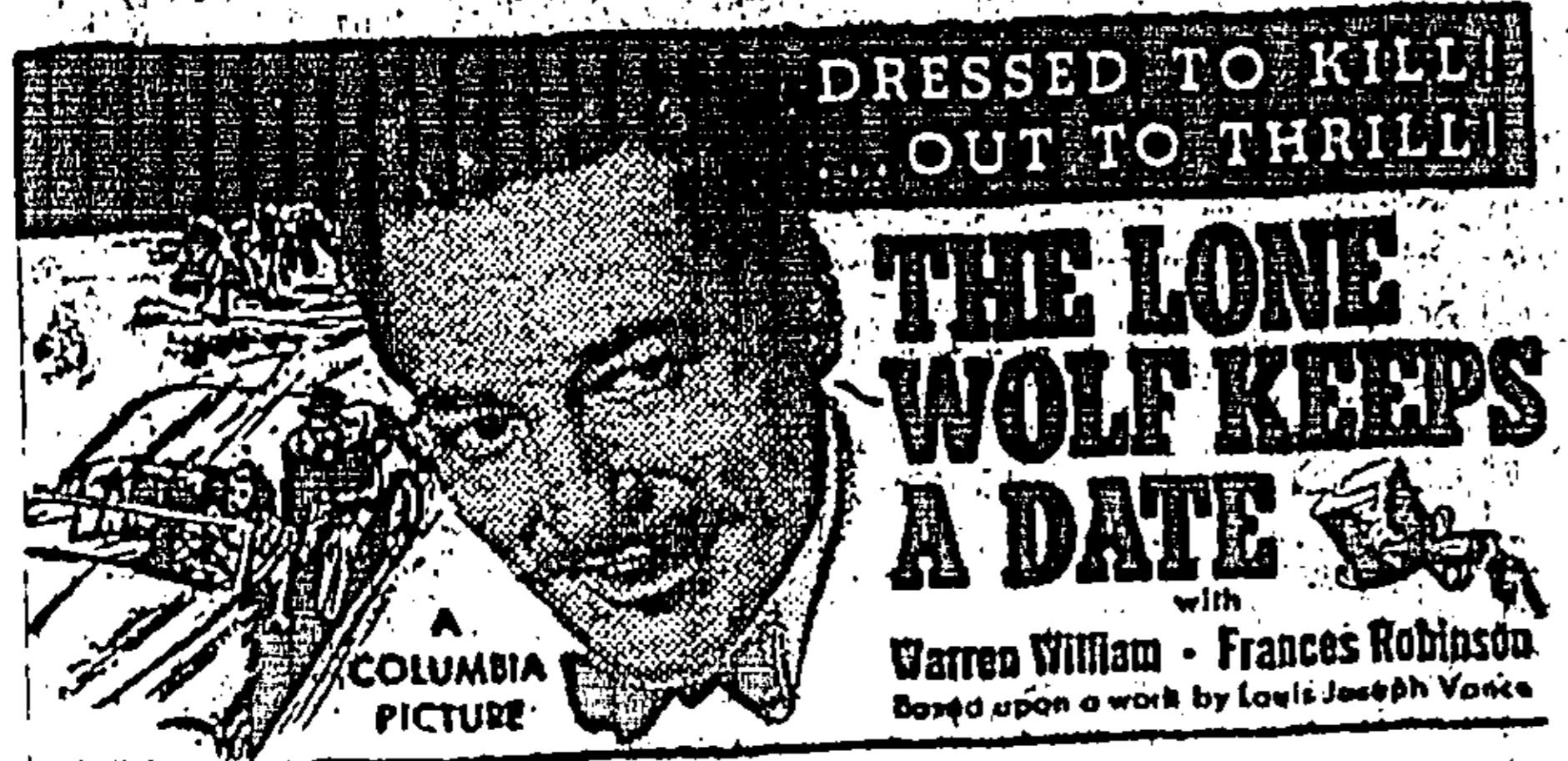
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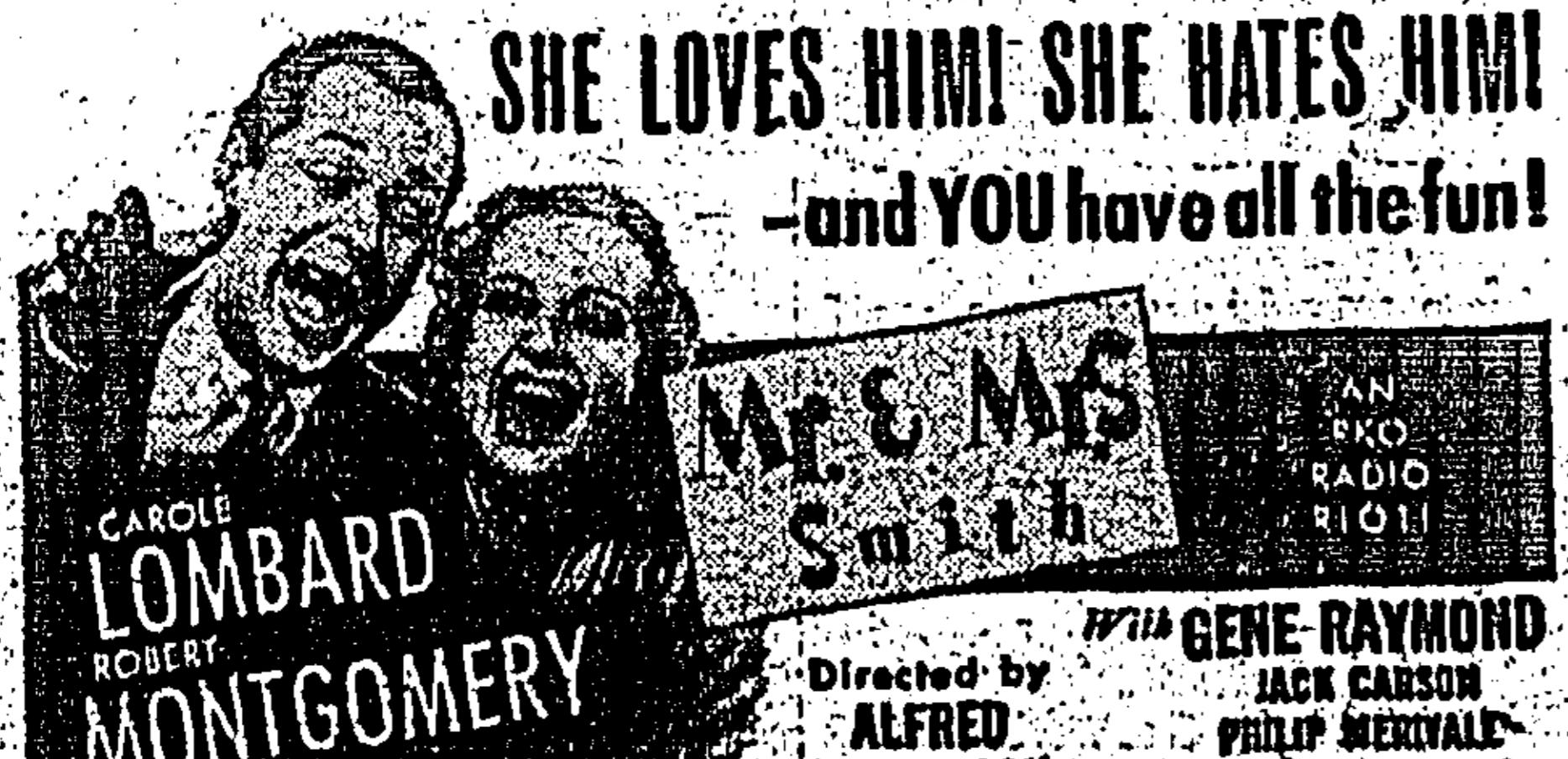
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# DARLAN RESISTS PEACE CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

(From the French Frontier)

THE PRELIMINARY Franco-German Peace Treaty, which it is believed Hitler had originally planned should take place for propaganda purposes within the framework of a big peace conference, has not yet received the official signature of the heads of the German and Vichy Governments.

According to political observers the plans for this conference, which was favoured by Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, Otto Abetz, German Ambassador to France, and de Brinon, French envoy to occupied France, have been given up owing to opposition by Admiral Darlan.

An agreement in principle, however, as previously foreshadowed, has been drawn up on the following lines:

German annexation of Alsace-Lorraine;

Integrity of the French colonies; Compensation for France by obtaining later the Walloon districts of Belgium and British West African colonies;

No territorial concessions to Italy, which is to receive Egypt as compensation;

Continuation of the German occupation of Northern France but the term "occupying troops" to be replaced by "troops belonging to a friendly nation."

France to place all means of assistance at Germany's disposal.

## French Fleet ?

The fate of the French fleet is wrapped in the deepest secrecy.

Meanwhile negotiations aiming at reduction of the costs of occupation, which remain at 400 million francs a day, are still at deadlock.

The occupation costs have neither been reduced nor, as the Germans originally wished, transmuted into gold by foreign exchange payments.—Reuter.

## "MYSTERIOUS STRANGER" IN BIRMINGHAM

A mysterious stranger with tattooed hands walked into a Birmingham house recently and took charge when a man was dying.

He said he was a police officer and undertook to look after the dying man who had taken poison.

He refused to allow a neighbour to fetch a doctor.

This story was told at a Birmingham inquest on William Measham, 38, of Kingstanding Road, Kingstanding, Birmingham.

Now the police are looking for the stranger, who is said to be between 40 and 45, about 5ft. 8in. high, and heavily tattooed on hands and fingers.

A doctor said Measham's life might have been saved if he had had medical attention earlier.

## RACE OVER CROPS TO NAZI 'PLANE

When a German plane was brought down recently in a Lincs country district, more than 2,000 people rushed over the fields, smashing fences and damaging crops. It was stated at a meeting of the local Farmers' Union branch.

A farmer said there was a half-mile queue of cars.

The meeting asked for more energetic action by the police in future.

It was stated that when bombs fell in the same district souvenir hunters trampling corn did more harm than the bombs.

## GERMANY DEMANDS GOLD

It was learned in well-informed neutral diplomatic circles in London yesterday that a deadlock has been reached in the negotiations which have been in progress between Vichy and Germany for a reduction of the occupation charges.

These are being paid at present at the original figure of 400 million francs daily.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT EARLIER IN THE YEAR ADMIRAL DARLAN REFERRED TO THE "GENEROUS" GERMANS WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE OCCUPATION CHARGES HAD BEEN REDUCED.

Vichy's inability or unwillingness to furnish gold for payment of these charges appears to be one of the reasons for the failure of the negotiations.—Reuter.

## WAR ON FLYING 5TH COLUMN

Secrets of vital importance to national security might have been found in the cliffs of Solway Caves. This has led the Air Ministry to impose the death penalty upon Fifth Columnists of the air—peregrine falcons.

Every day in the Solway district of Dumfries and Cumbria raiding parties go out to destroy these birds.

Carrier pigeons, since the outbreak of war, have been doing important work for the R.A.F. Men in authority were worried at the non-arrival of some of these birds, and the loss of messages which might have played an important part in the air conflict.

After investigation it was found that the birds were not shot down by Nazis, but were killed by falcons, which are very numerous along certain shores of Britain.

Since this discovery scores of falcons have been killed in an organised campaign to kill on sight the enemies of Britain's dispatch flyers.

(Sir Charles Portal, Air Chief Marshal, is Britain's greatest authority on falconry.)

## CLOTHES FOR VEG.

FOR 14 POUNDS OF CARROTS, A WOMAN CAN BUY A NEW HAT AND A PAIR OF SUMMER SHOES, OR TWO PAIRS OF 3/6 STOCKINGS IN A DEPARTMENT STORE IN CROYDON, LONDON.

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She paid for it with 3lb. of carrots, valued at 1/3, 2lb. of turnips (1/4), 2lb. of apples (1/4), 2lb. of beans (1/6), 2lb. of onions (1/3) and one marrow worth 4d.

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# Kin Lee Partner And Kowloon Tunnel Contract

WAN HIN, managing partner of Messrs. Kin Lee, Building Contractors, was the first witness called at the resumed sitting of the Commission inquiring into certain matters in connection with the Air Raid Precautions Architectural Department, in the Puisne Judge's Court this morning.

He told the Commission that there were two other partners in the firm, Tam Yiu-po, who lives in Ship Street, and Kwong Nai-kwong, whose address is in Hennessy Road.

In answer to a question by the Chairman, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, witness said his firm were at present engaged on tunnelling work, in Kowloon, for the A.R.P. Department.

Chairman: Now, will you tell the Commissioners, shortly, how you came to get the contract? — In the very beginning it was the engineer, Mr. Bishop, who had a chat with Kwong Wing, one of my fokis. Mr. Bishop enquired whether we had engines and machinery for opening tunnels.

What month was this? — September, 1940. As to the terms, I think Kwong Wing, my foki, will be able to tell.

Where does he live? — In Jaffe Road.

Is that Kwong Wing (indicating a person sitting in Court)? — Yes.

The chairman then asked Mr. D. S. Blake, who had entered an appearance for Kin Lee, if he would mind Kwong Wing being asked to leave the Court. There were no objections.

#### Estimate Submitted

Chairman: Did your foki tell you anything about this conversation he had with Mr. Bishop? — He did. He asked me whether we had the equipment and I said yes. We were asked to submit an estimate . . .

Who asked you? — Mr. Bishop. We submitted one and we were asked to make a test of 200 feet of tunnel . . .

Let's have more about this estimate first — I have the documents here. (Witness then produced the papers).

That is submitted to the Executive Engineer, Waterworks? — Yes.

And you submitted prices for tunnelling work in Hong Kong or Kowloon, is that correct? — Yes.

Did Mr. Bishop ask you to submit prices for work in Hong Kong? — No sir.

Then why did you submit prices for work in Hong Kong? — Because at first we did not know which side we had to work on, in Hong Kong or Kowloon.

What did Mr. Bishop say? — I did not speak to Mr. Bishop.

What did Mr. Bishop tell your foki? — I cannot remember now.

#### No Experience

Can you remember if your foki had told you Mr. Bishop had asked him to submit prices for work on the Hong Kong side? — I cannot remember.

Anyway, from your letter you were prepared to do tunnelling work in Hong Kong according to the prices submitted? — Yes sir.

Has your firm ever done any work of this sort before? — No.

Has any of your fokis ever had any experience of this work? — Yes.

Where? — In the interior of China, building railway tunnels. But not A.R.P.? — No.

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The Russian communique, which praises civilian as well as service heroes, named:

"Comrade Zagoroff, who, working on two lathe simultaneously, did not leave his work for five whole days until he had finished his job."

— Reuter.

#### SPY-HUT ON STILTS

A hut built on stilts in a desolate spot, overlooking the trans-Atlantic sea lanes and an aerodrome used by British-bound bombers, was among the nests in the huge spy ring recently smashed by G-men.

The hut was deceptively tumbled-down in appearance, but inside was a short-wave transmitter and powerful binoculars on a tripod.

Every plane arriving on its way to England could be seen and British ships laden with war supplies watched steaming into the Atlantic.

Armed G-men closed in on the shack. The names of the spies seized are not disclosed.

#### BERLIN WORRIED

The message sent by Prince Konoye, Japanese Premier, to President Roosevelt, was received with mixed feelings in German political quarters, the Berlin correspondent of the "Journal de Genève" reported from the German capital.

These quarters are wondering whether the German Government had been informed of the text of the message before it was sent to the President of the United States.

According to a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman, the correspondent added, the end of the Japanese-American parley must be awaited before forming a definite opinion of the situation in the Far East, which is considered in Berlin as still tense.

The belief prevails in the German capital that Japan will stand firm. As for the United States, political quarters in Berlin doubt whether it will risk a war with Japan as President Roosevelt is leaning more and more towards Great Britain.

It is therefore believed that a compromise settlement will be sought, and this would enable the Tripartite Pact to give further proof of its solidarity.

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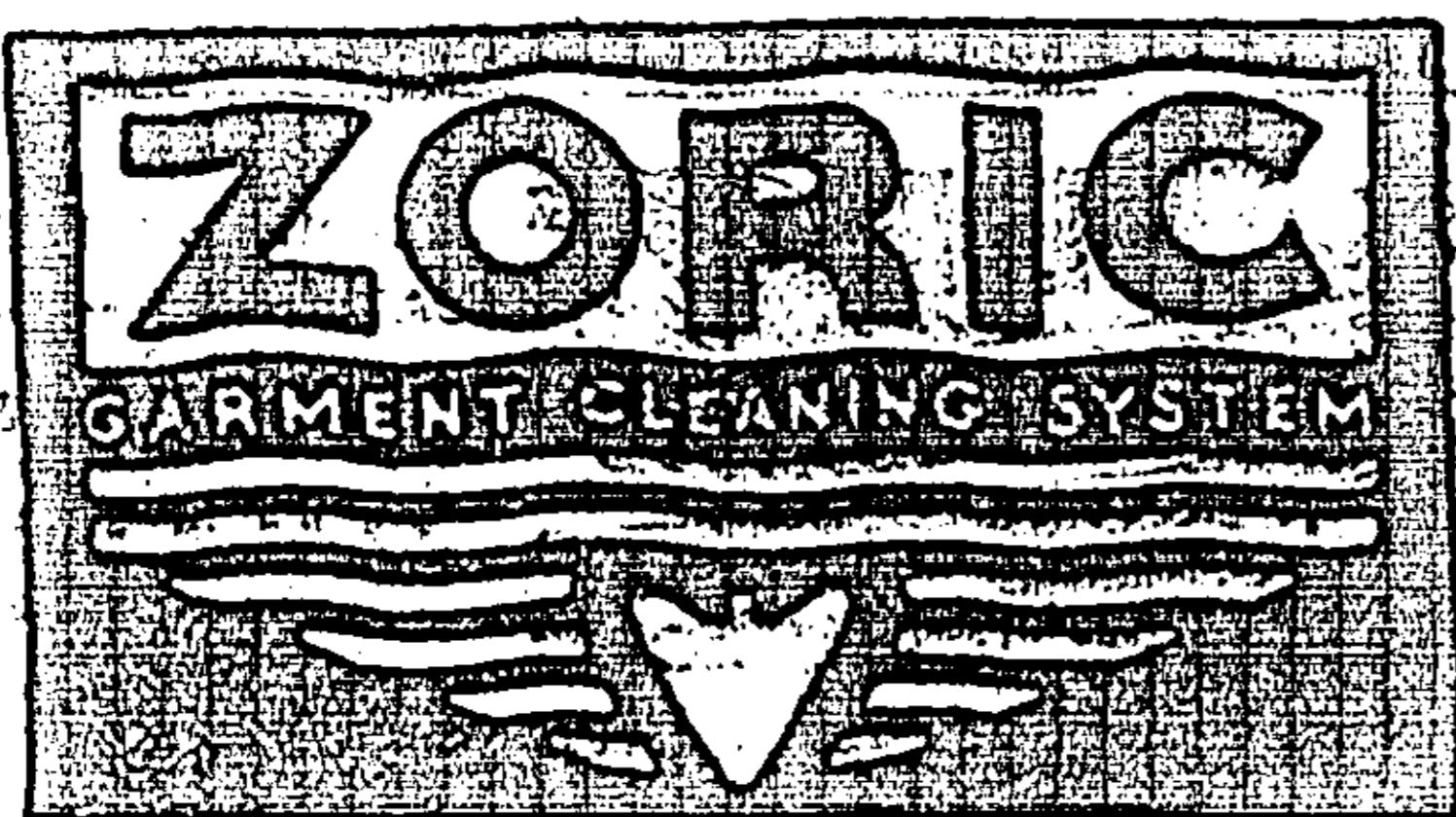
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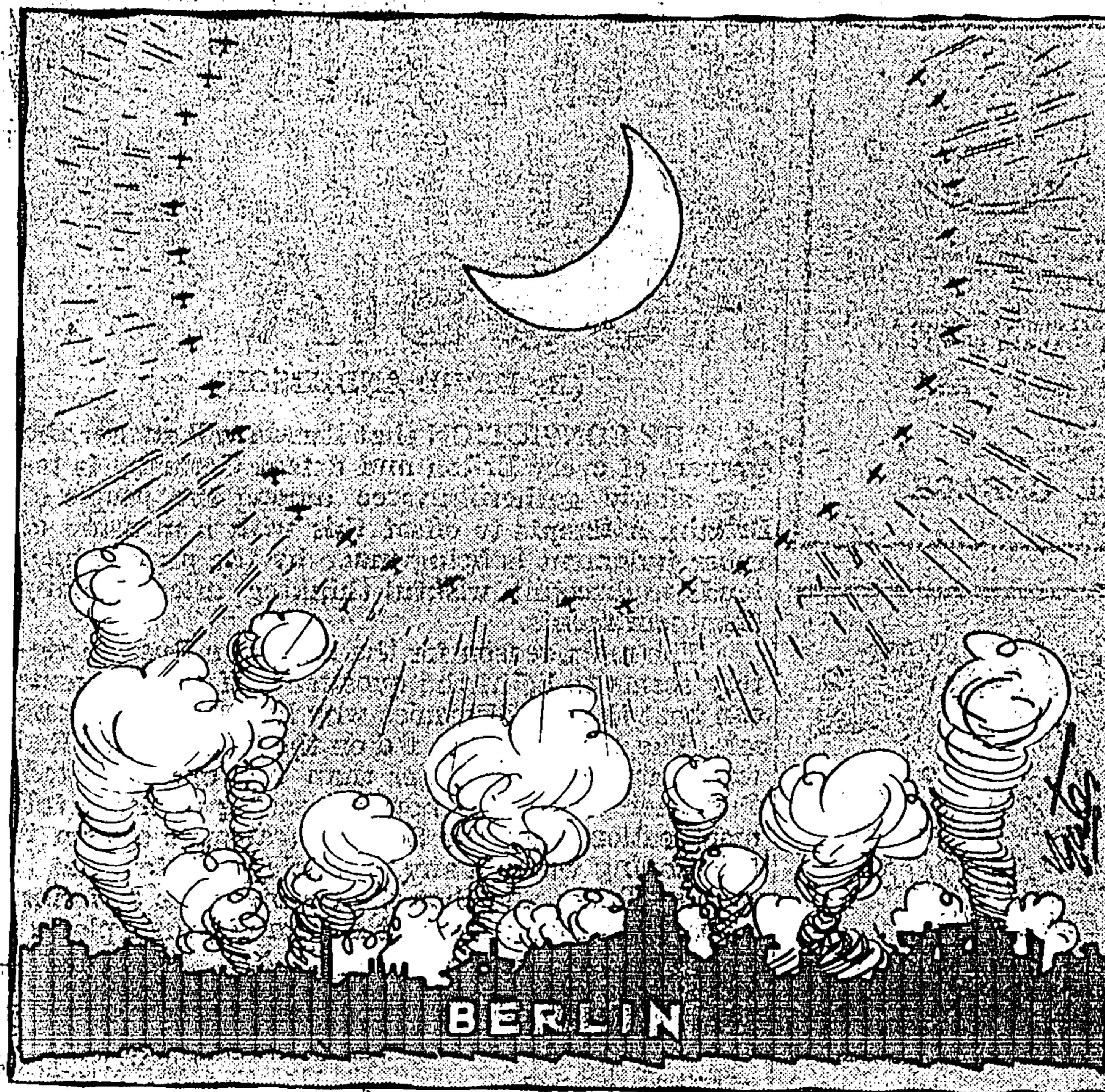
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### COMING OF AGE

King Peter of Yugoslavia celebrated his coming of age in London last Saturday. This event was of interest, not because a crowned head had reached maturity, but because he stood as the representative of a nation which heroically decided in the face of almost certain disaster, to resist German aggression rather than to submit without a struggle. Mr. Winston Churchill, announcing this great decision in the House of Commons last March, immediately following King Peter's action, stated in his usual happy phraseology, that Yugoslavia had at that moment "found her soul."

The decision to fight was undoubtedly a desperate one and it is not surprising that Prince Paul, the Regent, in view of the country's unpreparedness for war—a fact for which he was largely to blame—had other views. Not only was the Yugoslav army almost entirely devoid of the mechanised units so essential in modern warfare, but the internal and age-long dissensions between the conglomeration of communities comprising the kingdom of Yugoslavia, was a source of definite weakness during a time of stress. Nevertheless, Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Dalmatians, Macedonians, Montenegrins, Bosnians and Nerzegovinians rallied to the King's appeal and for a few days the Germans met a heroic fighting force which, though finally defeated, was largely responsible for a number of vital alterations in Hitler's plan of campaign. If Yugoslavia had not resisted, the position for the Allies to-day would have been far less favourable. Her industries would have played a complacent part in the provisioning of the German army—too-day sabotage and reluctant labour is the rule. Many strategic points of value to Germany have been destroyed. Had it not been for Yugoslavia's challenge, the German forces would have advanced against the Ukraine and in all probability against Turkey, under far more favourable conditions. Moreover, the Yugoslavs are still resisting. They are fighting in groups protected by the mountains from where they are able to swoop with deadly accuracy on German transports and communications. They constitute a



STORMY WEATHER

## Japan: Is Change In Policy Near?

JAPANESE pessimism about Japan-American relations is paradoxically a fortunate sign. It is one of several indications that Japanese international policies may begin to be based on realities. However little sweetness there may be about Dai Nippon nowadays, there is at least starting to be a little light—long overdue and welcome indeed in view of the long and almost unbroken record of march toward darkness.

It is not stretching interpretation too far to say, moreover, that the Government's decision to invoke full provisions of the General Mobilisation Act may not be without its redeeming features in the long run.

Such extremism may, of course, mean war—but it may also mean a turning point close ahead. Which this will be depends largely on events far from the Far East, notably the Soviet struggle against Japan's ally-of-convenience, Germany.

### Keeping Avenues Clear

But if Germany does not begin to win some early and conspicuous fresh successes, Japan is going to have to begin some serious exploration of avenues toward an about-face. This is the first time such a situation has developed in more than four years of Japanese war with China. And as stated, the Japanese are beginning to get some cold, solid information on which to base their thinking in the event that the opportunity for new easy conquests does not quickly present itself.

present and a future menace which even now entails the presence of stronger Axis forces than Hitler can well spare. King Peter's effort to stem the German advance six months ago was not altogether unsuccessful, even though his army has presumably been defeated, his country overrun and he himself is a refugee in London.

Tremendously significant was emulating the sensational performance of United States Ambassador Joseph Grew in Tokyo many months ago by disclosing the true state of the American position. Essentially, neither Mr. Wakasugi nor Mr. Grew pulled any rabbits out of any hats; but each proved himself an able and courageous reporter to the public at large, which is exceptional indeed among diplomats.

It seems safe to suggest that unless Japanese militarism receives some quick and extraordinary gift of good luck in the way of another adventurist opportunity, the words of Mr. Wakasugi are bound to have a chilling effect upon those Japanese who have been disposed to drag Japan closer and closer to the brink of a war with America which most Japanese think cannot come to pass, but which all informed Japanese know must be ruinous to their country if it ever does come to pass.

### By Randall Gould

Former Chief Far Eastern Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor.

Tokyo, this message could reach the Japanese people and startle them out of their propaganda-drugged somnolence.

What Mr. Wakasugi said is what scores of others might have said but their information would have been stifled at its source by newspaper editors and Japanese Government officials to a programme of letting the Japanese people know only what they want to hear.

### Describes U.S. Policy

Mr. Wakasugi was an accurate reporter of what he—and many others—had learned in Washington. He said in effect that the United States is not going to start anything with Japan but that if Japan insists on trouble, the United States is ready and determined to meet the worst eventualities. He had found that America and Great Britain are in close harmony against aggression. He reported isolationism rapidly waning and preparedness the American keynote. Granting that the United States is desirous of maintaining friendly relations with Japan as long as possible, Mr. Wakasugi added that this all depends on the situation—more directly, "the attitude depends solely on Japan."

No one could put things more squarely and accurately than that it will be agreed by competent American observers. Mr. Wakasugi deserves the gratitude of both the United States and Japan for

the candid message of Kaname Wakasugi, one of Admiral Nomura's chief aides, in a telephone message from Los Angeles to the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi." From another, the "Nichi Nichi" would never have printed any such words. But from the man who is trying to carry first-hand facts from the Japanese Embassy in Washington to those in charge of shaping Japanese policies in

### Germany's Hope

There can be no doubt that Germany hopes Japan will proceed along extremist courses but there should be every doubt that Japan will move a single inch farther than she feels it secure and expedient to do from the strict standpoint of her own interest. It will not be to its own interest to run head-on into certain war with Britain and America.

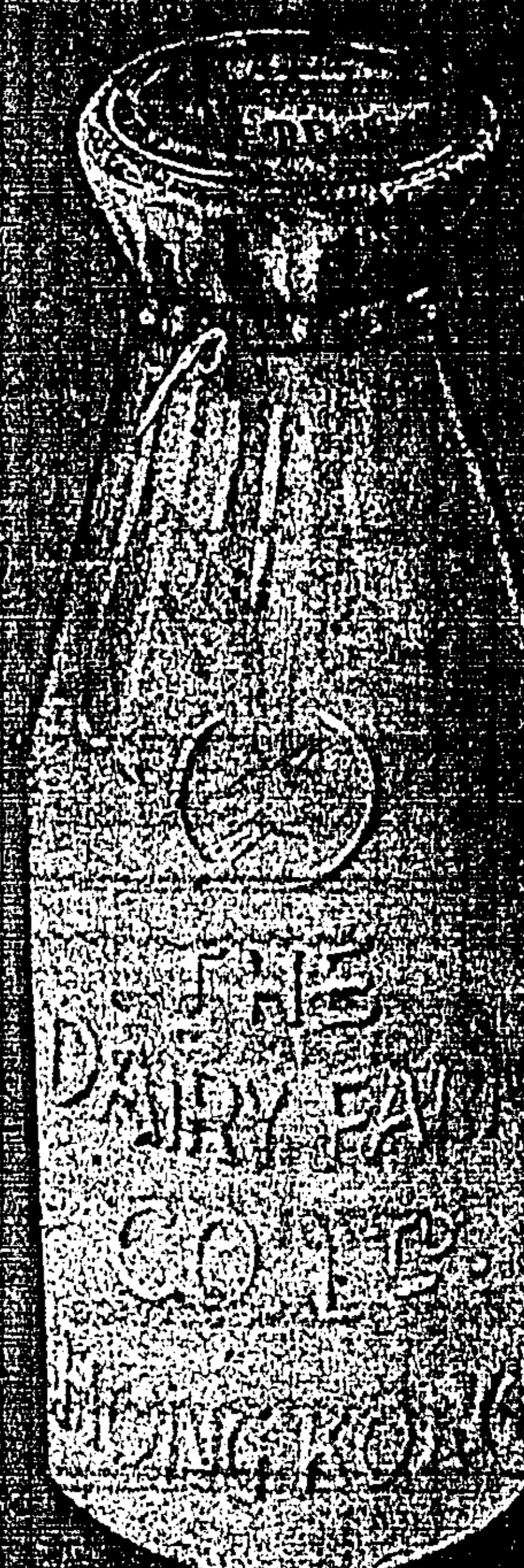
Looking at the situation from Japan's own domestic viewpoint, neither will it be to the interest of the governing group to put any more economic screws on Japan's business and industry or even to keep tightened down too long the screws already pinching very painfully. The record shows that however loyal and patriotic Japan's economic chiefs are, there is a limit to the amount of control they will take. Only the sense of acute crisis prevents an explosion, or at least another attack of go-slowism such as occurred last winter, now.

Prince Konoye has taken a rather extreme stand. The accumulated weight of war-weariness, economic depression, unfulfilled promises and other leaden elements of disappointment may in time overcome even the supporting influence of his personal popularity, his ancient high family, and the Japanese fatalistic tendency.

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# BRITAIN MORE CONFIDENT IN RUSSIA

(By DAVID ANDERSON)

THE CONVICTION that Russia will answer the prayers of every Briton and defeat Germany is today slowly gathering force among the people of Britain. Attempts to offset this with a measure of sober judgment is being made by the press, which tends to discount wishful thinking after so many disappointments.

The main reason for the hope of a Russian victory seems to lie in the question: If the Germans can beat the Soviet armies why have they not done so? The hope is being fed on the idea that the Red forces are fighting better than any one expected, that their number is now increasing with the full mobilisation, that the Soviet's transport system is functioning where many prophets predicted that it would collapse and that the Germans are suffering casualties which must put a crimp in their plans.

## ANTI-JAP. FEELING RISES IN AMERICA

On the United States west coast, bands are playing "The Yanks Are Coming," for the first time since the war began, says Richard Hughes, "Sydney Telegraph" roving reporter in America, in a message from Los Angeles.

In the last week or so I have heard cafe pianists, band leaders, and nickel juke boxes (pocket-edition Wurlitzers) all asked to play this 1917-1918 number.

It always gets a big hand, too. Demand for "The Yanks Are Coming" is only one manifestation of the war fever that has gripped the west coast since Washington and Tokyo started slapping faces.

The Musicians' Union has instructed its members to play the "Star-Spangled Banner" at the beginning and end of every professional musical programme.

A move has already begun in certain factories for the workers to hear the anthem on the radio before they start work.

### Nazis Missed

Talk in bars, cafes, shops, and street cars usually takes the same line: "We always knew we would have to give the Japanese a licking. We should have done it years ago.

"The sooner we get on with it now the better."

In newsreel theatres, the Nazis are hissed while the British are wildly applauded.

San Francisco and Los Angeles had nothing like the same anti-Hitler warmth as anti-Japanese warmth.

They didn't like Hitler. But they probably dislike Harry Bridges, tough, Australian-born West Coast union boss, even more.

They shared the same common American tendency — unrealistic, but very human — of hotly denying that they should go to war, while warmly insisting on a policy of all-out aid to Britain, which was certain to land them in the war.

The Japanese war mood, which they caught explosively, has insensibly but definitely changed their European war mood.

They are beginning to see that the crisis on their Atlantic seaboard — which they had not recognised — has as much menace for them as the crisis on their Pacific seaboard — which they had always recognised.

The Japanese Fleet has given them a sudden, new awareness of the Nazi Air Force.

The average man in the street in Britain finds a bewildering layout of maps daily confronting him.

The hardest to understand are the developments around Moscow, and these are generally recognised as the most important. The British are apt to distrust the official claims of both sides — with the observation that "of course, we suppose the Soviets' are more reliable than the German reports."

One impression cultivated by the press and official quarters is that it is not wise to draw too optimistic conclusions from the fact that Germany's campaign has fallen behind schedule. It is allowed that the outcome of the German third offensive will tell the story.

### Opinion Divided

Opinion in London is divided whether this drive will prove to be the culminating, crushing blow designed to smash Soviet resistance or whether it will prove another and rather more balanced offensive similar to the second one already delivered.

The British are impressed with the efficiency of the German Fritz Todt organisation for building roads and railways under conditions of appalling difficulty, but against this they set the performance of the Russian transport system, which is considered little short of wonderful.

In communications lies the key to the success of the whole campaign, it is realised. With the growing hope that the Russian front will hold out the British are weighing the problems of the Soviet's economic endurance.

### Will They Shoot?

Obviously, she will turn to the United States for help and while it is assumed naturally in London that these demands will be met there is one detail of absorbing interest to the British.

In what volume, Russia will get supplies — which are most likely to come via Vladivostok — should the Japanese decide to blockade that port? Will the Americans convoy the supplies and shoot if necessary?

Will convoying and shooting in the Atlantic get the United States into the war with Germany while similar practice in the Pacific involves her with Japan?

### MORTALITY IN BRITAIN

NINETEEN THOUSAND CIVILIANS DIED FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE COURSE OF ENEMY AIR-RAIDS UPON GREAT BRITAIN DURING THE EARLY PART OF 1941.

Insurance companies' statistics further reveal that the infantile mortality somewhat increased in the course of the past year, while the birth rate in the cities declined.

However, the number of marriages reached an all time record.

The death rate of civilians was 14.3 per thousand during the year of 1940, while the birth rate in Great Britain was estimated at 14.6 per thousand.

## AMERICAN DEPORTED FROM FRANCE

Mr. Varian M. Fry, a United States citizen connected with the American Relief Association, has been ordered by the authorities to leave France.

Mr. Fry who, the authorities declared, was engaged in anti-French activities, was taken under escort to the Spanish border.

## HAMBURG "IN RUINS"

Eyewitness accounts have afforded a description of R.A.F. bomber destruction in Hamburg and its port.

As Hamburg is reportedly, the least punished of all German seaports, the record of its damage pointed to terrific devastation at Bremen, Bremerhaven, Kiel and other North Sea ports.

The Hamburg waterfront was a picture of charred and ruined docks, storehouses, railway facilities, shipyards and sunken vessels. One person who was in Hamburg within the last three weeks said the port must have lost at least half of its normal harborage value.

### Town Hall In Ruins

The Hamburg Stock Exchange was gutted; the town hall practically demolished; several big stores and the headquarters of the board of public works damaged. The Lombard bridge was hit, and a small army of workmen had to be diverted to repair it. The main railway station and the Damintor station escaped decisive damage, though both were hit. The nearby Wallhafen Hotel was destroyed.

In the suburb of Altona, the Blohm and Voigt dockyards were smashed.

Another account reported that production of war material in Stuttgart had been severely curtailed as a result of bomb destruction. Factories seriously damaged included the Mauser rifle factory at Oberndorf, and the Mannheim gunpowder factory and the Daimler-Benz motor works at Stuttgart-Feuerbach. Huge shelters were being constructed beneath the market place in Stuttgart in expectation of increased activity by the R.A.F.

## PACIFISTS HELPING IN WAR

Pacifist service units have been formed in England to undertake humanitarian work, says a bulletin received in London by the Australian Peace Pledge Union.

They have been very active in air raids and were still in training when the raids began, but they went into action. They formed first-aid bicycle patrols and were often the first to rescue people from wrecked houses and debris.

In one Thames-side area they are responsible for medical aid in 200 shelters.

A special unit in Sheffield is assisting in research into scabies, a skin disease, which tends to become severe in wartime and members have volunteered to contract it for experimental purposes.

# SOVIET AND BRITISH PART IN THE WAR

"THE SOVIET UNION is bearing the brunt of Hitler's attack, thereby diverting from England the danger of invasion and air raids and making it possible for her ally to undertake active and decisive actions against the common enemy," says "Pravda," official organ of the Communist Party, quoted by the Russian radio in its war news.

"The Germans called Dunkirk Britain's greatest defeat," the newspaper says, "but the British, for whom Dunkirk was one of their severest trials, call it their greatest success."

## FOILING THE U-BOAT

Across a long table two rows of men face each other. On one side they wear naval uniforms. On the other nearly all are in civilian suits.

First the senior officer of the Naval Control Service, a captain, who acts as chairman, explains the points contained in the sheets of sailing orders, instructions and other secret documents which each merchant navy captain has before him.

Then he calls on the Royal Naval Reserve officer who is to be commodore of this convoy to address the men who will look to him for guidance throughout their voyage. He will sail in the senior ship of the convoy. He explains what he wishes them to do and what action he proposes to take in various emergencies.

Questions having been asked and answered, the senior officer of the warships which will escort the convoy tells what experience has taught him about the best way for them to cooperate in beating the U-boat and the aeroplane.

He is followed by a captain whose interest is the defensive guns on merchant ships. Then a youthful-looking R.A.F. pilot explains the air protection which his Service affords.

Finally the chairman rises to introduce the Commander-in-Chief, who has found time from his work of directing the Battle of the Atlantic to come along and explain the position as he sees it.

So ends the convoy conference. The merchant navy captains return to their ships to prepare for sailing.

## GIBRALTAR NEGLECTED

NOT UNTIL ITALY CAME INTO THE WAR AND FRANCE COLLAPSED WERE THE "SADLY NEGLECTED" DEFENCES OF GIBRALTAR GIVEN A HIGH POSITION OF PRIORITY TO BRING THEM UP TO REQUIREMENTS.

This was stated by the former Governor, Lieutenant-General Sir Clive Liddell.

To the question, "Is Gibraltar impregnable?" he gave this answer in a speech at the Overseas League Club in London:

"That is one of the things Hitler would like to know, and I cannot see why we should tell him. He can go and find out for himself."

He said his predecessors at Gibraltar had pointed out clearly the position of the defences, but nothing was done.

On his arrival there in 1939, with war looming ahead, he was not surprised by the position.

But when given priority, armaments stores, food, etc., poured in—almost faster than they could absorb them.

"As subsequent events have proved, Dunkirk was the turning point of the British-German struggle, marking the conversion of the blitzkrieg into a long and protracted war.

"At Dunkirk it seemed everything was against Britain but Britain did not capitulate and Hitler lost the Battle of Britain, as he has lost the Battle of the Atlantic," the Russian newspaper says.

Little more than a year has elapsed," the journal continues, "since the British troops evacuated Dunkirk, and during this period Britain's armed forces have multiplied many times over.

### Turning Point

"Wherever Hitler has come up against firm resistance he has not succeeded in carrying through his blitzkrieg plans.

"The Nazi attack on the Soviet Union was the turning point in this world war. The forces of Hitler Germany, faced as they are by the prospects of an ominous winter campaign, will inevitably diminish and become exhausted while the forces against Hitler are invariably growing in volume."—Reuter.

### ESCAPED PRISONER KILLED

Oberlieutenant Martin Mueller, German prisoner of war, who escaped from an internment camp near Schreiber, Ontario, was shot dead when he resisted recapture.

## SHANGHAI TRADE ANXIETIES

"UNENDING TRIALS, difficulties and tribulation" are seen to be confronting Shanghailanders by "Finance and Commerce," leading British financial weekly, following the discontinuance of the open market for foreign exchange.

Pointing out that Shanghai's import surplus during the first seven months of the year totalled £13,500,000 and in July exceeded £3 millions, the publication states:

"It cannot be denied that the stopping of many classes of imports must strike a serious and perhaps fatal blow at a large number of small firms and industries upon which hundreds, probably thousands, of people now depend for a livelihood."

"Prices will now rise, not because of the depreciation of currency but because those with goods to sell will exploit them to the full."

WITH A VIEW TO RECTIFYING THIS SITUATION, "FINANCE AND COMMERCE" URGES RATIONING AND STRICT PRICE CONTROL.

Only bright feature the weekly sees is the possibility of expansion of Shanghai's export trade and a resulting improvement in the exchange position.

### Dodging The Freeze?

In this connection, the periodical says reports are current of the possibility that the Japanese

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## HIP, HIP, HOORUHR

An admission by the German newspaper "Allgemeine Zeitung" reveals that the Ruhr is still the industrial heart of Germany.

"The fate of the Ruhr area is the fate of Germany," said the newspaper.

For the past weeks the R.A.F., by their intensified raids, have been trying to decide that fate.

Although Germany has built many war factories in Austria and Poland, it is pointed out in London that it is almost impossible to move the steel industry away from its raw materials.

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## RED NAILS UPSET MAYORESS

Red fingernails of girl conductors on Corporation buses have upset Reading's woman Deputy Mayor, Alderman Mrs. Alice Jenkins, who said: "I suggest that the chairman of the Transport Committee or the manager of the transport undertaking should tell these girls that it would look nicer if they came to work without these red fingernails."



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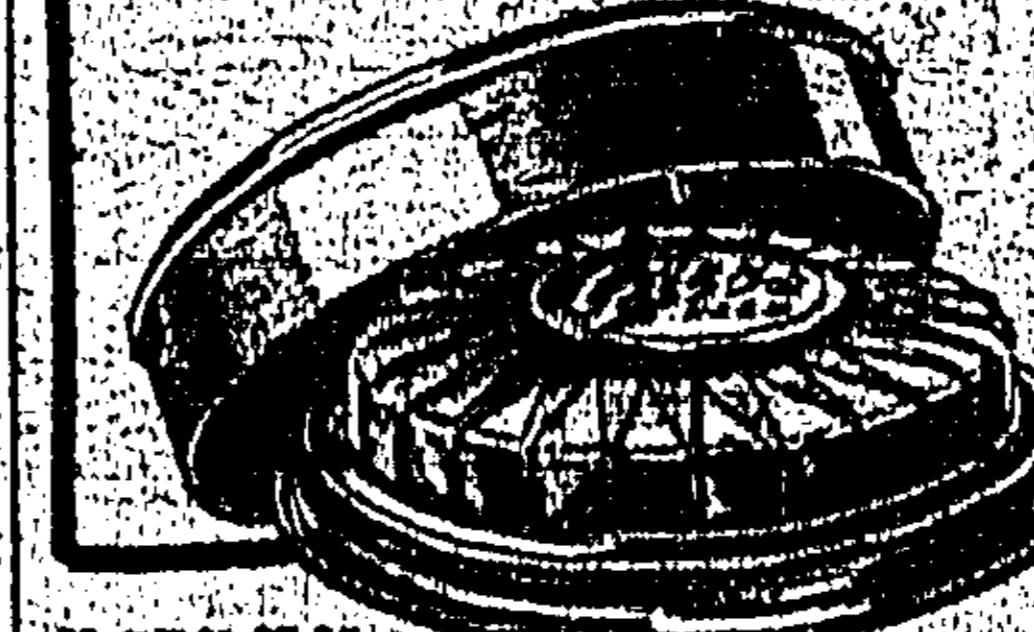
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## BIDGE NOTES

## A SERIES OF MISTAKES

## By The Four Aces

"Who was more at fault in the bidding of this hand?" asks a Miami reader.

South, Dealer  
North-South Vulnerable

## NORTH

♦ 10 3  
♥ 7  
♦ K Q 10 6 5 3  
♦ K 9 3 2

## WEST

♦ A 8 7 2  
♥ K 6 4 3  
♦ 9 4  
♦ J 10 4

## EAST

♦ K Q J 9  
5 4  
♦ Q 10 2  
♦ 8 2

## SOUTH

♦ 6  
♥ A J 9 8 5  
♦ A J 7  
♦ A Q 7 1

## The bidding.

South West North East  
1 Pass 2♦ 2♦  
1 ♠ 3♦ 4♦ Pass  
4 Pass Pass Pass

"As you will note, there was a slam at either minor suit; but four hearts was badly set. We agreed that both North and South were at fault, but who was more to blame?"

The question is so close that we're almost ready to give up. But, after much thought, we think that South is more to blame. North might conceivably distrust the club bid; but surely South could rely on North's diamond suit. There was therefore no reason for South to rebid a heart suit which North had twice refused to raise, while abandoning a rebid diamond suit for which South had excellent support.

North's bidding, however, would not earn him a medal. He should certainly have raised the clubs instead of rebidding the diamonds. And when South went to four hearts, North should have shown his preference between South's two suits by taking him to five clubs.

We think that it would take exceptionally good bidders to reach the slam in this hand because it is difficult for South to realise that North has a singleton heart. And North finds it difficult to bid the slam since he may fear that South has weaker clubs and slightly more strength in hearts (where it would be useless). But even average bidders, if they were disposed to be reasonable rather than stubborn, would reach a minor-suit game; either North would raise the clubs or South would raise the diamonds.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♦ K 9 7  
♥ 3 2  
♦ A J 10 4  
♦ K J 6 5

## The bidding:

Jacoby You Schenken Burnstone  
1 ♠ Pass 2♦ 2♦  
Pass 4♦ Pass Pass  
5♦ (?)

ANSWER: Double. Your jump to four spades was based very largely on strength which is just as good on defence as on offence. You can probably lick the far out of five hearts, while five spades might be an unsound contract.

Score 100% for double, 40% for pass, 20% for five spades.

## Question No. 818

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Jacoby You Schenken Burnstone

1 ♠ Pass 2♦ 2♦  
Pass 4♦ Pass Pass  
5♦ Dbl. Pass 5♦

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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## GERMANY THEIR NEW HOME

Children of Belgians employed in Germany will be given preferential treatment in the evacuation of 10,000 Belgian children to Germany, according to Berlin radio.

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## STORY OF PATROL IN A HAVOC

(By Drew Middleton)

AMERICAN-MADE Douglas Havocs are patrolling every night the most dangerous beats in the world — the shell-filled air above the Luftwaffe's aerodromes in northern France and the Low Countries.

This correspondent visited a squadron which for six months has flown the big two-engined planes over the Channel to patrol, in good weather and bad, over Nazi air fields.

The squadron has shot down fourteen German bombers "for certain," lists sixteen others as "probable" and has damaged twelve. The pilots treat the record lightly, but the admiring ground crews swear half of the sixteen probables were, in fact, destroyed.

"You can't wait around over those aerodromes to watch other blokes crash and get the evidence," they explained. "You have to put the tail down and head for home." The squadron hasn't lost a plane to the Germans yet.

The task of the Havocs is to destroy those German machines which escape British night fighters when the Nazi planes return to their own aerodromes. As one pilot put it, the Havocs "brown them off when the Nazi pilot is thinking now for a beer."

This correspondent flew in one of the Havocs along the Channel coast, England's front line. The seat was a precarious perch in a glassed-in nose. The big black ship obeyed the flight lieutenant's command, "Break it up," and we left the formation and started up the coast alone.

"Lonely job, this" said the Australian pilot, his voice grating in the earphones. "Lonely, but fun. You sit up there for what seems like hours. You can see airfields. They light it up a bit. But every time you edge over the flak (anti-aircraft fire) starts and the ship starts to heave and bounce.

"Anyhow, Jerry comes in after bombing us. You know — belt undone, feeling sort of 'Well, that's

You no longer are of the younger generation if your day holds nothing more for you than a lot of headaches.

## BOOS FOR COWARD

When Noel Coward appeared on the stage of the Piccadilly Theatre at the end of his new play, "Blithe Spirit," there was a little boozing from the gallery and a shrill voice called out: "Rubish!" several times.

A sceptical author arranges for a seance to study medium mystic methods. To his consternation a spirit is materialised and proves to be his first wife. This ghost-wife comes to live in the house and carries on a duel with his real wife.

Fay Compton, Kay Hammond, Margaret Rutherford and Cecil Parker play the principal parts.

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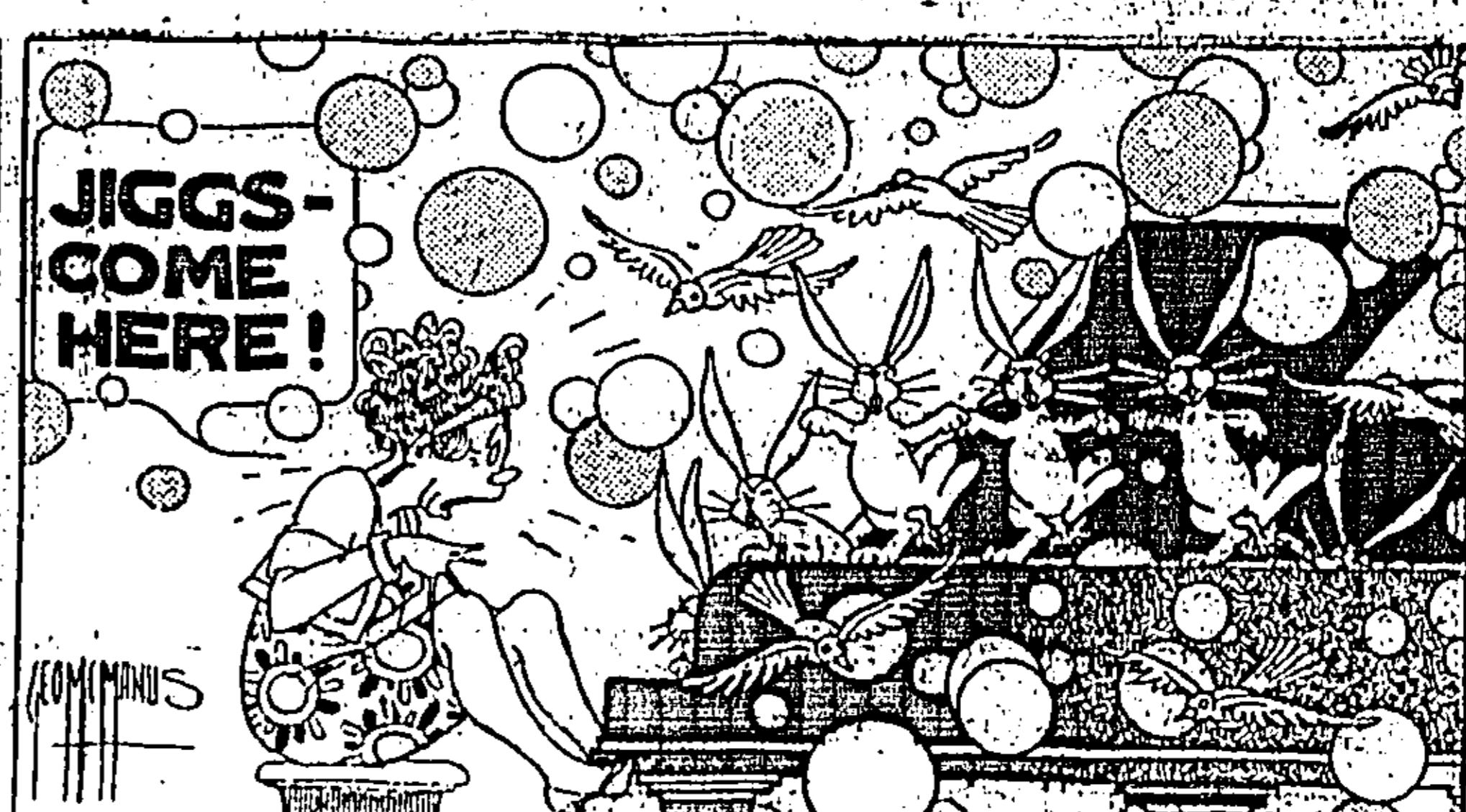
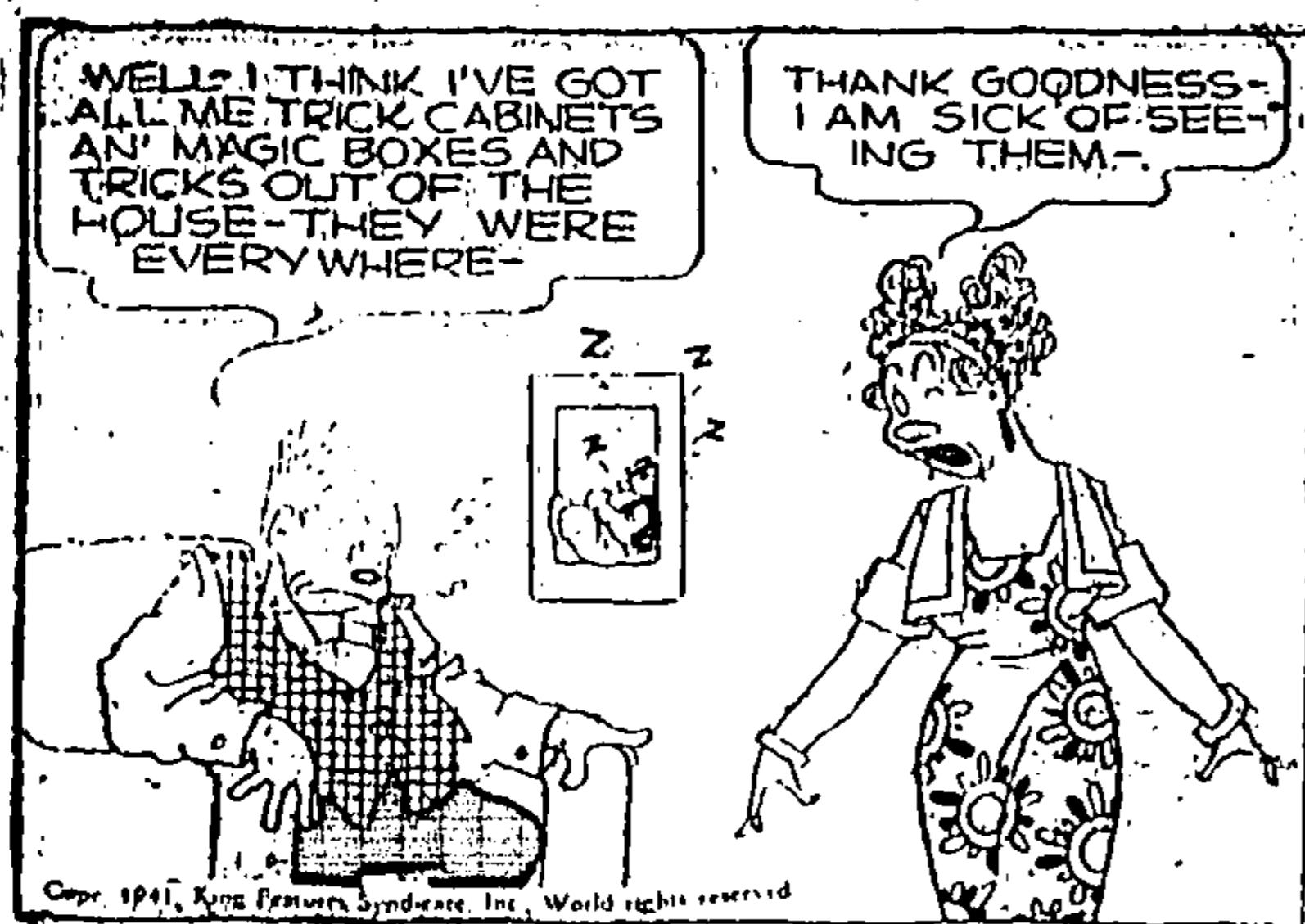
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By George MacManus

## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Sleek Legs Look Inches Slimmer

Thanks to science there are several harmless methods of removing superfluous hair from legs, each in its way, simple and efficacious. Perhaps that is why to-day's women appear to have slimmer limbs!

Superfluous hair causes shadows and its actual fuzz does increase the girth of the leg calf, so meticulous women, who are conscious of body beauty, remove it. Active sports and shorter skirts make sleek legs essential, and if yours are not you cannot be rated as a modern woman. A few minutes with the aid of a cream, wax or emery will quickly banish any unwanted hair and the woman who says, "I'll not remove it, I'll remain as nature intended me to be," is only robbing herself of happiness and not living up to her duty to society. For it is a woman's duty to be as lovely looking as possible.

### How Long Do You Wear Your Skirts?

With legs that are sleek and slim you may wear skirts as short as you like — even those jaunty skating outfits with flared skirts above the knees are not too extreme. But, if your legs are not the most beautifully shaped then you must wear your skirts of a length most flattering to your measurements.

No two girls have limbs formed exactly alike, so it follows that no two girls should wear their skirts exactly the same number of inches from the floor. If fashion dictates "skirts eighteen inches off the floor," then you must modify her rule to suit you.

If your knees are too thin or too fat wear your hemline at least four inches below them. That is one good guiding rule.

If the calves of your legs are heavy avoid too short skirts let yours come down to five or six inches below your knees. Too long legs, or too thin legs call for skirts which just reach the upper



One of the newest depilatories for legs is a white cream which does a neat job of making your legs sleek in a Jiffy.

part of the calf. Standing before a full length mirror will help you determine which length is most flattering.

Another point to consider is your waistline. If you have a high waistline you can wear your skirts shorter than the girl with a very low waistline. If she wore her skirts very short she would look unbalanced. You might make another test

if you are truly interested in leg beauty. The next time you shop try on several cuts of skirts — a very full flared skirt, a full gored skirt, a straight skirt narrow from waist to hem, and a skirt with a low flare or pleats. By so doing you will be able to judge which cut of skirt does most for your legs. Too many women go about wearing unflattering skirt lines and their legs take the rap!



AND THERE IS PLENTY OF THIS THING CALLED LAUGHTER IN "THIS THING CALLED LOVE" THE SENSATIONAL COMEDY OF THE GIRL WHO THINKS SHE'D RATHER HAVE A KISSLESS HONEY-MON!

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## STOP AND THINK

Happy to-day.

If you are, don't grudge yourself that happiness, or take notice of the Dismal Jimmies who tell you they don't know how anybody can be happy nowadays — thereby implying that you are a selfish person.

Now, actually, it is the selfish people who are most unhappy to-day. Those who really feel for other people's sorrows do what they can to help — and that makes them happy, even while they sympathise.

The "moaners" are really worrying about themselves, though they try to kid you otherwise.

When you feel happy and let other people know it, it is the best gift you can make them. You create an atmosphere of joy and hope which heartens them just as the sun emits life-giving rays.

Happiness is contagious. Spread it as fast as you can.

## Important Memo

Make as sure as you can how much time your preparations will take you and then devote this time entirely to your task. Have all your tools ready and handy before you start.

If you are not very experienced, do not have anything else going on in your kitchen.

Remember that utmost cleanliness is part of your success.

Do this job as soon as you can; the fresher the food-stuff, the safer they are to keep.

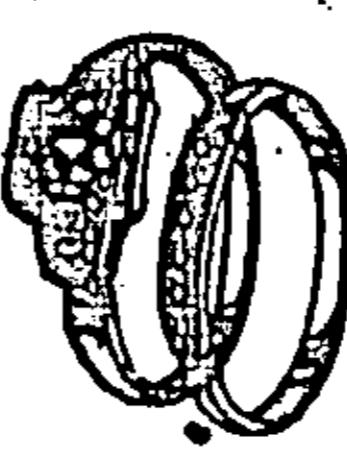
Make a point of examining your preserves regularly. At the first signs of mould or fermentation (little bubbles), open the glass, remove the bad parts and cook the remainder for about ten minutes. Then taste carefully; in most cases you can rescue most of it.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Hey! Stop Kissing My Sister; It Was Wonderful Then...

Joe Reichman &amp; his Orchestra.

Tango—Pobre Francesita; Manila

... Bernard Alemany &amp; his Argentine Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—When June Comes;

Quick-Step—You Gorgeous Dancing Doll; Alex Moore presents Mahovian &amp; his Music for Dancing.

Fox-Trot—Oh! Buddy I'm In Love;

Down Ev'ry Street... Jay Wilbur &amp; his Band.

Waltz—By The Sleepy Lagoon... New

Mayfair Dance Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's Operas.

"The Pirates of Penzance"—Overture

... The Light Opera Orchestra.

"Iolanthe"—My Lord, A Suppliant At Your Feet... Nelle Briercliffe; It

May Not Be... N. Briercliffe, B.

Lewis &amp; Chorus with Orchestra.

"Iolanthe"—Oh, Shameless One,

Tremble; Soon As We May...

Winifred Lawson, Nelle Briercliffe, Lewis Oldham, D. Fancourt &amp; Chorus with Orchestra.

"Patience"—When I Go Out Of Door

... George Baker &amp; Rands; I'm A Waterloo House Young Man...

Rands &amp; Chorus (Girls); Finale, Act 2... Full Company; If Saphir I Choose To Marry... Derek Oldham, M. Green, M. Eyre, Nellie Briercliffe with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Wish Wynne &amp; Jack Warner in Variety.

Vocal—What! The Old Blue Pencil? (Warner &amp; Evans); You Can't 'Elip Laughin' (Warner)... Jack ("Blue Pencil") Warner with Orchestra.

Orchestra—Falling In Love With You (Young, Kahn); I'm Getting Sentimental Over You (Baffman)...

Andy Iona &amp; his Islanders.

Comedienne—A Servant Girl; Our District Visitor (Wynne) ... Wish Wynne (Unaccomp.).

Vibraphone—Treasin' (In Sticky Tempo); Running Around (Robbins) ... Harry Robbins &amp; The Four Bright Sparks.

Vocal—Are You Havin' Any Fun (from "The Little Dog Laughed") ... Jack Warner &amp; Sonny with Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Kenny Baker, Judy Garland, Warner &amp; Darnell, Harold Ramsay, Baldwin &amp; Howard in Variety Programme.

Comedians—Bluebeard (What! A Nasty Thing To Do—Darnell); On The Good Ship Ballyhoo (Darnell) ... Warner and Darnell.

Organ—St. Louis Blues (Handy) ... Harold Ramsay.

Vocal—Swing, Mister Charlie (Robinson, Taylor, Brooks); Stompin' At The Savoy (Goodman, Webb, Sampson)... Judy Garland with Orchestral accompaniment.

Piano Duet—Piano-Time Melodies (No. 1)—Intro: China Boy; You're In Kentucky Sure As You're Born.

Sheik Of Araby: Japanese Sandman; Bye Bye Blues: Who's Sorry Now... Baldwin &amp; Howard with Bass &amp; Drums.

Vocal—You Walk By (Wayne-Raleigh); Chapel In The Valley (Rene-Lange-Porter) ... Kenny Baker with Orchestra.

Organ—Popular Melodies—No. 3—Intro: Pennies From Heaven; In The Chapel In The Moonlight; Another Perfect Night Is Ending; I'll Sing You A Thousand Love Songs.

There's A Small Hotel; Did Your Mother Come From Ireland... Harold Ramsay.

Comedians—Sally The Circus Queen (Weston-Lee); The Legionaires (Intro: "Marietta" — Darnell) ... Warner &amp; Darnell.

7.30 p.m.—Popular Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Me (He's Making Eyes At Me)... Dick Robertson &amp; his Orch.

Fox-Trot—The Band Played On (from film "Strawberry Blonde") ... The Jesters.

Fox-Trot—The Monkeys Have No Tails In Pago Pago ... The Milt Herth Trio.

Fox-Trots—Down Argentine Way (from the film); Two Dreams Met (from film "Down Argentine Way") ... Oscar Rabin &amp; his Band.

Waltz—The Merry Widow ... Marek Weber &amp; his Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trots—The Sheik Of Araby; Coal Black Mammy... Arthur Young &amp; Hatchett's Swing-tette.

Fox-Trot—Yes, My Darling Daughter ... Benny Goodman &amp; his Orch.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay — War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay — "Listening Post"; Examination of Points In Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—A. Mozart Song.

Within These Sacred Walls (from "The Magic Flute") ... Ivar Andresen (Bass) with Orchestra.

8.37 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony, In D. No. 85.

Allegro con Spirito—Andante—Minuetto &amp; Trio—Finale... The Hallé Orchestra, cond. by Sir Hamilton Harty.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—"To-night We Present"; The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, A Programme arranged by John Abbott.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.45 p.m.—The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

The Two Imps (Alford).

Dancer Of Seville (Grunow).

Echoes Of The Valley (Jean Gennin).

The Merry Middies (Brooke).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay — The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—"Band Waggon" with Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and others.

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'DOUBLES'

Two men who have been described as "new Lawrences of Arabia" because of their knowledge of the desert tribes of North Africa are mentioned in a special Middle East supplement of the "London Gazette" announcing a long list of honours in connection with the Libyan campaign.

Mr. Churchill has asked to be godfather to the baby son of Britain's No. 1 fighter pilot, Wing-Commander A. G. Malan, who has just been awarded a bar to his D.S.O.

He is the first airman to win a bar to both the D.F.C. and D.S.O. in the present war, and only the second ever to gain these "doubles."

Wing-Commander Malan, who is leader of the crack No. 74 Squadron, now has thirty-five German machines to his credit.

## Premier's Offer

The Premier met him at his R.A.F. station recently and Mr. Churchill asked him about his one-year-old son.

"He is to be christened soon," Malan told him. "We thought about calling him Winston."

"I'd like to be his godfather," said Mr. Churchill.

Baby Winston was born a week after Dunkirk. His airman father is a South African, his mother English.

The other holder of the D.S.O.—D.F.C. "double" is Wing-Commander Staton, who won the D.F.C. and bar and the M.C. in the last war, and the D.S.O. and bar in this.

MAY MARRY  
ATTACKER

Saying she had forgiven her fiance for hitting her over the head with a stocking filled with sand, a girl stated at the Old Bailey that she might continue their engagement later.

Robert Hamilton Shennan, 33, labourer, of Hendon, Middlesex, pleaded guilty to causing her grievous bodily harm, and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment.

His fiancee, Miss Doreen Williams, said she was not prepared to continue with the engagement at the moment.

On the day Shennan was charged, it was alleged he said: "I was jealous of another fellow. We were ever so happy together and I was going to marry her to-day."

It was pleaded that Shennan had already been "terribly punished."

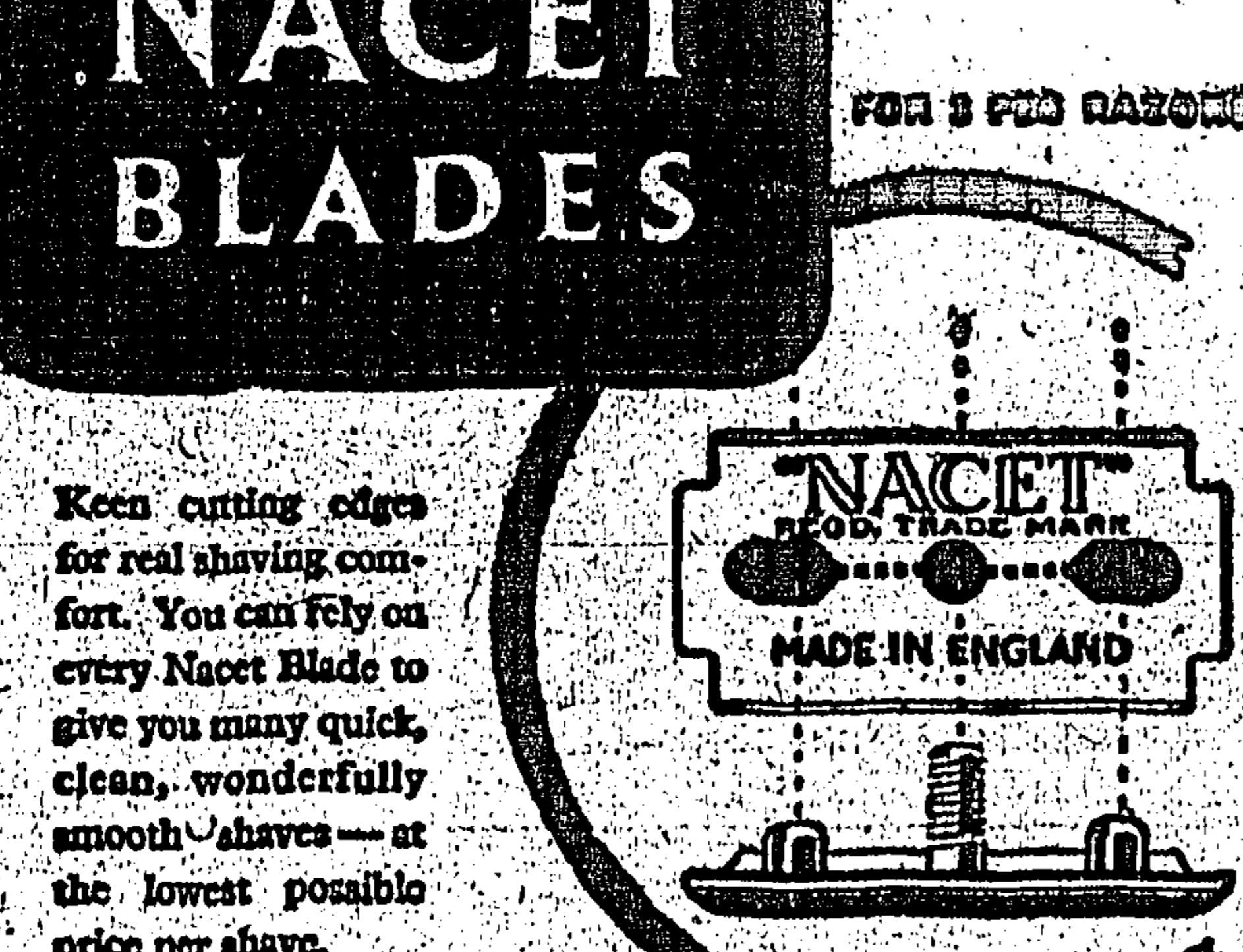
The affair, said his counsel, accelerated the death of his father, and his mother was "just hovering between life and death."

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# Merry Madcaps Score Fifth Straight Win

## Bakar And Razack Should Greatly Strengthen Team

By "Grandstand"

HIGHLIGHTED BY A SLUGGING SPREE WHICH INCLUDED FOUR CIRCUIT CLOUTS, EDDIE MARQUES' MERRY MADCAPS CHALKED UP THEIR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE PRE-SEASON VICTORY ON TUESDAY, AT THE EXPENSE OF AN ERRATIC INDIAN CONTINGENT.

Bill Wilkinson toed the rubber for the Madcaps and blanked the Indians for the first three semesters, and allowed one run in the fourth, whilst a trio of blows in

## POOR TIMES IN S'HAI 50 YARDS

Although times were inclined to be rather mediocre, keen competition was the order of the day when the heats for three of the five Shanghai Swimming Championships to be held on September 6 at the Foreign "Y" Gale took place on September 3 at the Imcas' Pool, writes the "North China Daily News." Bobble Hekking as expected won his heat of the men's 50 yards free style without difficulty, but was clocked in the poor time of 26 4/5 seconds, nearly two seconds above the performance he recorded in this event last year. The other heat went to C. L. Wen who nosed out R. Leon in an exceedingly tight finish in 27 seconds flat—not an impressive performance either.

Following were the results: MEN'S 50 YARDS FREE STYLE  
1st Heat:—1, R. Hekking; 2, H. Bal-lerand. Time: 26 4/5 seconds.

2nd Heat:—1, C. L. Wen; 2, R. Leon. Time: 27 seconds.

MEN'S 150 YARDS MEDLEY SWIM

1st Heat:—1, R. Leon; 2, G. Gregg. Time: 2 minutes 1 2/5 seconds.

2nd Heat:—1, E. Smith; 2, A. J. Dodd. Time: 1 minute 57 3/5 seconds.

LADIES' 50 YARDS FREE STYLE

1st Heat:—1, Miss L. Hekking; 2,

Miss Ling Mei-ling. Time: 31 1/5 seconds.

2nd Heat:—1, Miss J. B. Peach; 2,

Miss D. Gray. Time: 32 3/5 seconds.

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## Lady Titlist Beaten

The American Women's Golf Championship provided many first round surprises, chief of which was the elimination of Miss Betty Jameson, the title-holder.

Miss Grace Amory, Miss Jean Bauer and Miss Alice Berlanger, who shared with Miss Jameson the lead in the previous day's qualifying round, were also beaten in the first match stage, but Miss Jameson's exit was near the sensational, as she held what seemed a winning lead of four holes at the half-way stage.

The champion took only 38 strokes for those nine holes, and her opponent, the bespectacled Miss Janet Younker, could do nothing right.

Afterwards, Miss Jameson played well enough, but Miss Younker staged an amazing recovery, taking only 34 strokes for the last nine holes to overhaul the champion, and win on the last green.

Mrs. Page, a former champion, played 19 holes before beating Mrs. Paton, but Mrs. Vare, better known as Miss Glenn Collett, Miss Maureen Norcutt and Miss Marion Miley, three Curtis Cup players, all had easy wins with four holes to spare.—Reuter.

### Mrs. Collett Loses

Later: Mrs. Glenn Collett Vare, six times holder of the title, was eliminated from the American Women's Golf Championship at Brookline, Massachusetts, yesterday, by Miss Clara Callender of Pasadena, California.

Miss Callender, who won by 5 and 4, entered the quarter final.—Reuter.

V

During the course of an informal dinner given by Pat Madar in honour of Donald W. Leach, skipper of the Shanghai Cricket Club, who has just completed 21 years active cricket in Shanghai, an interesting presentation marking the esteem in which Leach is held by the Parsee Cricket Club was made.

## BROKEN RIB NO OBSTACLE

During the British Empire XI v. Royal Air Force match A. C. L. Bennett (Empte) batted under extreme difficulties. While fielding he fell on the palings, and broke a rib. Well strapped up, he then batted against medical advice and scored a valuable thirty runs.—Reuter.

## SUBSTITUTE DONCASTER MEETING

Newmarket, the Turf's headquarters, which has already staged substitute meetings for Epsom, Ascot and Goodwood, assumed another mantle when it staged the substitute Doncaster meeting, minus the St. Leger, yesterday.

The Townmoor Handicap, over seven furlongs, included many Cambridgeshire candidates, but the winner, Miss Dorothy Paget's Annadine, has not been entered for the Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire candidates were second and third, namely Mr. Garner's Appricleson, which was joint favourite at 4 to 1, and Mr. Hetherton's Lido Tamer, at 100 to 9. It was a thrilling finish, Annadine, which started at 100 to 7, winning by a head, with a neck between second and third.

The Duchess of Norfolk, who supervises the Michael Grove stables, continues to be in grand form and won the Great Yorkshire Handicap with the Duke of Norfolk's Clean Sweep, which started at 20 to 1. Clean Sweep, son of the great stayer Trimdon, led throughout the severe mile-and-three-quarters.—Reuter.

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## DOYLE MAY MEET FARR

British boxing is experiencing another of those periodic booms which have been a feature of its war-time activities, and there has been plenty of talk in the air recently of a clash between Tommy Farr, former British heavyweight champion, and Jack Doyle, music hall star and spare-time boxer.

Doyle, who has the personality to fill any arena, gets an occasional urge to return to the sport in which he made his name, and he is willing to meet Farr for \$1,500, the rest to go to charity. Farr, who has not fought for some time, will meet Doyle for expenses only, the rest to go to charity.—Reuter.

## Easier Golf

### HITTING SHARPLY

By Best Ball

To the golfer who dubs approaches or iron shots, the sight of Dick Metz hitting the ball with crisp certainty is a lesson itself. The golfer who is hesitant through the fairway and near the greens shows it in the manner in which he makes his shots. Instead of hitting downward, the player tries to raise the ball up, generally by scooping or trying to get under it with the clubface. Such procedure is bound to fail; the ball must be hit on the downswing leaving the raising of the ball to the loft of the clubface. This will do the job if given the chance.

Metz hits down sharply on the ball, hitting decisively and taking a divot from the turf. In the above illustration he is hitting one out of the rough over the Colonial Club at Ft. Worth. The position of his follow-through leaves no doubt as to the way he has struck the ball. Much of the avor-



LOFT OF CLUB RAISES BALL

age player's trouble lies in hitting uncertainly. Play the shot as if you knew just where it was going and hit it as though you meant it.

Next Article: — Curing A Hook

## LAWRENCE'S SPECTACULAR COMEBACK

Heats for the Colony Swimming Championships at Victoria Recreation Club last evening were robbed of a great deal of interest through the absence of Charles Huang in the 880 Yards free-style event and Tang Hon-chi in the 100 Yards breast-stroke.

As a result there were no heats for either of these events, though the five 880 Yards swimmers, who automatically qualify for the final, gave an exhibition.

These disappointments, however, were to a certain degree made up for by the spectacular comeback of W. Lawrence, former Colony champion, in the 220 Yards back-stroke—an event introduced for the first time in Colony Championships—in which he finished first in the second heat in the good time of 2 mins. 59 4/5 secs.

### Rumjahn Second

In the first heat of the same event A. K. Rumjahn, Colony 100 Yards back-stroke champion set a very fast pace over the first four lengths, but he tired rapidly after this and had to be content with second place to Poon Wing-kai, who returned 3 mins. 02/5 secs for the distance.

On yesterday's form, it would appear that Lawrence is a dead certainty for this event, and it is more than likely that Rumjahn, Poon and Lopes will engage in a stern fight for second position.

### Full Results

Following were the results:—Men's 880 Yards free-style:—Chan Chun-nam, Yu Shin-kan, Chiu Wai-lin, Yau Sai-kan and Lau Tai-ping automatically qualified for the Final.

Men's 220 Yards back-stroke:—First Heat: 1, Poon Wing-kai; 2, A. K. Rumjahn; 3, Chan Kam-cheung. Time: 3 mins. 02/5 secs. Second Heat: 1, W. Lawrence; 2, A. V. Lopes; 3, Lau You-ting. Time: 2 mins. 59 4/5 secs.

The following automatically qualified for Men's 100 Yards breast-stroke:—Fung Wai-cheung, Ng Nin, Tsang Yiu-hing, Ho Pon-kun and L. M. Remedios.

Men's 50 Yards back-stroke:—1. S. Monteiro; 2, C. Guterres; 3, F. Baptista. Second Heat: 1, J. Roza-Pereira; 2, J. Gomes; 3, G. Rossetti.

### TO-NIGHT'S HEATS

The heats for the Colony Aquatic Championships will be continued this evening at Victoria Recreation Club, when the most interesting event is likely to be the 150 Yards Medley Relay, which was won by Victoria Recreation Club last year.

The first heat will be swum at 6.07 p.m.

Chan Chun-nam will be defending his title in the 220 Yards free-style event, while other champions defending titles will be Ng Nin, in the 50 Yards free-style, and Miss V. Churn, in the Ladies' 50 Yards breast-stroke event.

Following is the programme and contestants:—Men's 150 Yards Medley Relay:—Chinese Y.M.C.A., Eastern Athletic Association, Sing Tao, European Y.M.C.A., Hong Kong University, Lai Tsun Swimming Union and Victoria Recreation Club.

Men's 220 Yards free-style:—Tsu Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin, Sing Tao, Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao), Chiu Wai-lin (Sing Tao), Chung Shee-chee (Sing Tao), Charles Huang (University), Chan Chun-nam (Lai Tsun), Yau Sai-kan (Lai Tsun) and Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun).

Women's 50 Yards breast-stroke:—Miss Ho Wai-lin (S.C.A.A.), Miss Chan Choi-pui (C.B.C.), Miss Li Po-uen (University), Miss Vivienne Churn (University), Miss Myra Noronha (V.R.C.) and Miss Tsang Fung-kwan (Lai Tsun).

V.R.C. Members' 220 Yards free-style:—Junior Championship—Luis M. Remondos, L. Vieira, E. D. da Rosa, A. V. Lopes and J. Fenton.

Men's 50 Yards free-style:—Lo Yuk-wing (Chinese "Y"), Chan King-pong (Chinese "Y"), Tsui Hang (Eastern), Ng Nin (Sing Tao), Shek Kam-pui (Sing Tao), Wong Chie-hong (Sing Tao), Chan Cheong-hong (C.B.C.), Ng Tsun-man (University), David Hutchinson (—) and Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun).

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# FEW CHANGES LIKELY IN 'VARSITY ELEVEN THIS CRICKET SEASON

By "Incog."

University will be holding their annual cricket meeting early in October, and indications now are that they will have very much the same team as that which did duty for them last season.

## ARMY'S BOLD BID

Three games were played yesterday in Third Division of the Lawn Tennis League, Army Tennis Club beating Chinese Recreation Club (1) to consolidate their position as challengers to South China for the title.

At Cox's Road, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½. R. Kloss and D. Joyce (K.C.C.) lost to W. J. Howard and J. C. Yiu 3-0, drew with Dr. Ling and Dr. Tsui 6-6, lost to K. L. Lee and J. W. Leonard 1-6. R. O. Baker and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.) beat Howard and Yiu 7-5, lost to Lee and Leonard 5-7. A. Zimmern and A. Gillard (K.C.C.) lost to Howard and Yiu 0-6, lost to Ling and Tsui 2-0, lost to Lee and Leonard 0-6.

### Army Drop One Set

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Chinese Recreation Club (1) by 8 sets to 1. S/Sgt. Duffield and S/Sgt. Emberson (A.T.C.) beat T. F. Lo and H. N. Chau 6-4, beat C. Wei and K. Y. Chan 6-4, beat P. H. Chiu and K. N. Li 6-1. S/Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Murray (A.T.C.) beat Lo and Chau 6-4, beat Wei and Chan 6-1, beat Chiu and Li 6-1. Sgt. Webb and Sgt. Denyer (A.T.C.) lost to Lo and Chau 2-6, beat Wei and Chan 6-4, beat Chiu and Li 6-4.

### Points For Recreio

Indian Recreation Club lost 10 Club de Recreio by 3½ sets to 5½ at Sookunpoo. A. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell beat B. T. Gosano and M. A. Oliviera 6-4. (Continued at foot of next Col.)

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**Kenneth Lo, Second Division**  
cricketer last season, will  
probably find a place in Uni-  
versity's senior XI this season.  
He is a coming batsman.

It seems surprising that they have not so far "received" any new talent from Malaya, for it has been the usual thing to expect a few cricketing freshmen every year from that part of the world.

Nevertheless, they will have W. S. Gegg, fast bowler, S. Mahmood, slow bowler, K. Lo, J. Fenton, L. T. Ride, N. C. Sen Gupta, wicket-keeper, Hong Choy, R. S. Gill, C. N. Matthews, P. Y. Tam and J. Tsui, and should be able to build quite a useful team round these players.

University actually started nets practice over a month ago, while they have already had a couple of matches, and there is some talk about A. H. Rumjahn, Indian R.C. opening batsman, and former University captain, holding regular classes on the Pokfulam ground again, same as he did last season.

There has been some suggestion about doing away with the matting wicket at Pokfulam, but unless their wicket has been considerably improved, I doubt if they would be wise to take this step.

K. T. Loke, former University first eleven all-rounder, may be returning to the game, and as he is on the staff at University there is no reason why he shouldn't find a place in one of the teams.

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## 4TH DIVISION TENNIS LEAGUE IS CONCLUDED

The Fourth Division of Lawn Tennis League was concluded on Tuesday when Post Office Recreation Club (2) beat Central British Association by 5 sets to 4 at King's Park.

G. Gurevitch and D. Tomashavsky (C.B.A.) lost to D. Leonard and D. Fitches 2-6, drew with Y. S. Fung and K. W. Wong 6-6, beat W. Morrison and C. M. Chan 6-1.

T. Gaubert and N. L. Smith (C.B.A.) lost to Leonard and Fitches 0-0, drew with Fung and Wong 6-6, lost to Morrison and Chan 3-0.

N. Whitley and S. Fowler (C.B.A.) beat Leonard and Fitches 7-5, lost to Fung and Wong 2-6, beat Morrison and Chan 7-3.

**FINAL TABLE**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	10	10	0	0	73½	15½	20
C.C.C.	10	9	1	0	72½	17½	18
C.R.C.	10	8	2	0	62½	21½	16
F.C.	10	7	3	0	58	23	14
I.F.C.	10	5	4	1	40½	49½	11
A.T.C.	10	4	5	1	47½	42½	9
P.O.R.C. (1)	10	4	8	0	40	50	8
C.B.A.	10	3	7	0	34	53	6
P.O.R.C. (2)	10	3	7	0	24½	65½	2
J.R.C.	10	1	9	0	29½	60½	2
K.I.T.C.	10	0	10	0	9½	80½	0

**Smith's Tennis Win**

In a Second Round game in the Army Other Ranks Tennis Singles Championship yesterday Sgt. Smith (Army Dental Corps) beat S/Sgt. Mitchell (R.E.) 6-3, 6-1.

V —

Matches in the "Open Basketball League" decided at Chinese Y.M.C.A. last evening resulted in wins for Youths over Trojans by 37 points to 32, and Yu Leung over Residents' Union by 36 points to 23.

beat A. M. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca 6-2, drew with H. A. Noronha and A. E. Noronha 6-6, A. Rahmin and M. Hanif (I.R.C.) 1-6, to Coyone and Oliviera 1-6, lost to Remedios and Fonseca 1-6, to Noronha and Noronha 6-2, M. Hassan and A. H. H. Esman (I.R.C.) 1-6, lost to Gosano and Oliviera 1-6, lost to Remedios and Fonseca 6-2, lost to Noronha and Noronha 3-6.

**TABLE P.T.O. TO DATE**

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	9	9	0	0	61½	17½	16
A.T.C.	9	8	1	0	63	10	10
C.C.C.	7	6	1	0	59	24	12
C.R.C. (2)	9	6	3	0	55	24	12
C.D.R.	8	5	2	1	42½	39½	11
K.I.T.C.	8	4	3	1	39½	35½	6
K.C.O.	8	3	7	0	28½	40	4
O.R.C. (1)	8	2	4	0	23½	30½	4
K.T.C.	7	2	5	0	18	40	4
K.T.C.	8	1	7	0	24½	47½	2
T.R.C.	10	0	10	0	19	71	0

## CLUB RUGBY SECTION LOSE FOUR PLAYERS & HAVE FEW NEWCOMERS

By "Scrum-Half"

RUGBY SECTION of Hong Kong Football Club are facing the coming season with very little, if any, new talent, but, with all their back division still available, there is every prospect of a very sound fifteen being fielded.

There were originally four likely newcomers—Hamilton, Rowe, Norman and Hughes—but of these Hughes and Norman, both forwards, are the only two who may play. Hamilton, who has been out of the game for two years and has a groggy knee, will probably be playing cricket and Rowe is almost certain to play soccer.

Absentees this season will be McCrea, Godfrey, Stout and Dunn, all of whom are forwards, and Hopkins, a back, while Aitkenhead, fly-half, may be playing cricket this season.

"Grannie" Bidwell, however, hopes to play regularly—he played in only the Sevens last season—and this should greatly stiffen up an attack which badly lacked a penetrating centre-threequarter in the Quadrangular Tournament.

As far as I can gather the following will be available:

## AIR FORCE HAVE TO START TEAM-BUILDING: LANEFORD'S BRIGHT HOPES

By "Referee"

The soccer prospects of Royal Air Force, Third Division champions, are somewhat uncertain, but at the moment it appears likely that five of last season's championship team will be available.

Air Force were given the option of promotion to Second Division, but, anticipating difficulty in raising a worthy side, preferred to remain in Third Division.

Ho Kar-keung, former Chinese Athletic forward, will again be playing in the centre-forward position, backed up by last season's right-wing combination of Richardson and Goodwin, both of whom have shown good form in practice games.

RICHARDSON

Bartlett will again be seen at inside-left, in which position he did so well last season, being responsible for 23 of Air Force's goals.

MANFIELD

Manfield will be sorely missed on the left-wing and at the moment his place will probably be filled by MacDonald, a newcomer.

BARTLETT

Berry, who will captain the side, will occupy the pivotal position and will be supported by Palling, at left-half, while the right-half berth will rest between Fawcett, Naylor and Cousins, all newcomers.

MACDONALD

The full-back division will greatly miss Edmunds, who played in representative games last season, and Henley. These two players bore the brunt of the defence and both were worthy of a higher division.

CARR

The gaps caused by their departure will be hard to fill, and it is highly probable that Moore and Binning will be the backs, with Gracie or Chierett in goal.

BERRY

Following are the registered

SUNDAY'S GAME

Police are meeting Eastern in a friendly soccer game at Boundary Street on Sunday at 5.45 p.m.

players of Air Force—Gracie, Cherett, Moore, Binning, Cousins, Fawcett, Naylor, Berry, MacDonald, Bartlett, Richardson, Goodwin, Ho Kar-keung.

### LANEFORD SHOULD BE USEFUL

Though Laneford are newcomers to League football, most of their members have played for other clubs in the League and they should therefore be able to field a useful side in Third Division.

F. Hall, secretary-manager of the team, has gathered a keen and enthusiastic team and has arranged a number of practice games before the start of the season.

R. Marques, former St. Joseph's goalkeeper and who has represented Portugal in the local International

LEUNG PING-KWAN

series several times, will be seen in goal. He gave up football several seasons ago owing to pressure of work.

Ho Hing-yun and Chan Man-tien, the probable backs, have been playing for Kit Chee for several seasons, and both are well up to Second Division standard.

CHAN

The intermediate line will be composed of S. Carr, at right-half, Lodge, as pivot—both these players turned out for Club Juniors last season and the left-half berth will be given to Lai Hin-lu to a newcomer to League football.

CARR

The attack will be led by Leung Ping-kwan, who played for South China Juniors last season in that position. Leung Ping-pui, also from South China, will be seen on the right-wing, with Ng Sun-fook, who

Kit Chee, two players for seasons ago, as his partner. The left-wing combination will consist of Leung Ping-pui, also from South China, and Ching Kan-san, a newcomer.

PLAYER

Laneford have made arrangements to use St. Joseph's grounds for practice.

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## KIT CHEE NOT WITHDRAWING

Kit Chee, who have been playing in Second Division of the Football League for several seasons, are experiencing great difficulty in raising a side as a number of their players have transferred to other clubs.

Mr. Sung Che-yin, the secretary told the "China Mail" that there was no truth in the rumours that Kit Chee would be withdrawing from the League.

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## CLUB LOSE INTERPORER

Hong Kong Football Club will be without the services of Wallace, the Tientsin soccer Interporer, who has left the Colony.

Mr. Shadie, Club footballer, is taking up refereeing this season.



# CORINTH CANAL RAID

## R.A.F. Activity In The Middle East

### GIGANTIC CONVOY SAFELY OVER

One of the largest convoys ever to cross the Atlantic recently reached a British port, the gigantic freight unloaded and dispersed.

Not a ship or man of the convoy or escort became a casualty.—Reuter.

### MALTA GRATEFUL

A SHIELD INSCRIBED "IN TOKEN OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE BRILLIANT SERVICES RENDERED IN DEFENCE OF THESE ISLANDS" WAS PRESENTED TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND FLEET AIR ARM BY THE ANGLO-MALTESE LEAGUE ON TUESDAY, IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF MALTA.

Air Vice-Marshal Lloyd, replying to the speech by the president of the League, said: "We have been cal'd the Knights of St. John—they cleared the seas of the scourge of piracy, our task is to clear the air of the scourge of dictatorship, and we will. Malta and its history is an inspiration to us all."—Reuter.

On the same night Heraklion aerodrome (Crete) was attacked. The landing grounds at Tmimi, Martuba, Derna and Gazala were raided.

Our aircraft subsequently carried out machine-gun attacks on motor transport on the road between Derna and Tobruk, starting a number of fires.

R.A.F. fighters patrolling over shipping off the Cyrenaica coast were attacked by a larger force of Messerschmitt 109's but the attack was beaten off and no subsequent raid by enemy bombers materialised.

During the same night enemy aircraft raided Malta but caused only slight damage to civilian property.

#### Cant Shot Down

On of our night fighters shot down a Cant Zl. 007 into the sea after it had been caught in searchlights. Five survivors of the crew were captured.

On the same night an unsuccessful attempt was made to raid Halfa. No damage or casualties were caused.

On Tuesday night enemy aircraft twice attacked R.A.F. stations in the Canal Zone. On both occasions our night fighters intercepted the enemy.

One Junkers 88 was shot down and another damaged. There were no R.A.F. casualties and damage caused was slight.

From all the above operations two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

### HUNTING DOWN SHIPPING

Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuing to hunt enemy shipping off the southwest coast of Norway and yesterday located a German convoy and torpedoed a supply vessel, states the Air Ministry news service.

One Beaufort, piloted by the squadron commander, flew through heavy A.A. fire to release its torpedo.

The air gunner of another Beaufort, describing the result of another hit, said: "A massive white cloud of spray and steam shot up" and when last seen the ship had come to a complete standstill.

A third Beaufort had a 20-minutes fight with a Messerschmitt.

The rear gunner was wounded and replaced by the wireless operator who already had been wounded but continued to operate the gun until the Messerschmitt gave up the chase after receiving many hits.

While the crippled Beaufort was limping home the crew—all sergeants—though knowing they might come down in the sea, took off their life-saving jackets to make a comfortable bed for the wounded gunner.

The other Beauforts returned safely.—Reuter.

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### STOP PRESS

DE BRINON, VICHY REPRESENTATIVE IN OCCUPIED FRANCE, YESTERDAY PAID A VISIT TO LAVAL, WHOM HE FOUND WALKING ABOUT THE VERSAILLES HOSPITAL.

It is announced that Laval, victim of the recent Versailles shooting, will return to Paris shortly and will stay there some days before going to his country home.

The result of mental examinations of Paul Colette, young assailant of Laval and Deat, is said to have shown he must be held fully responsible for his act.—Reuter.



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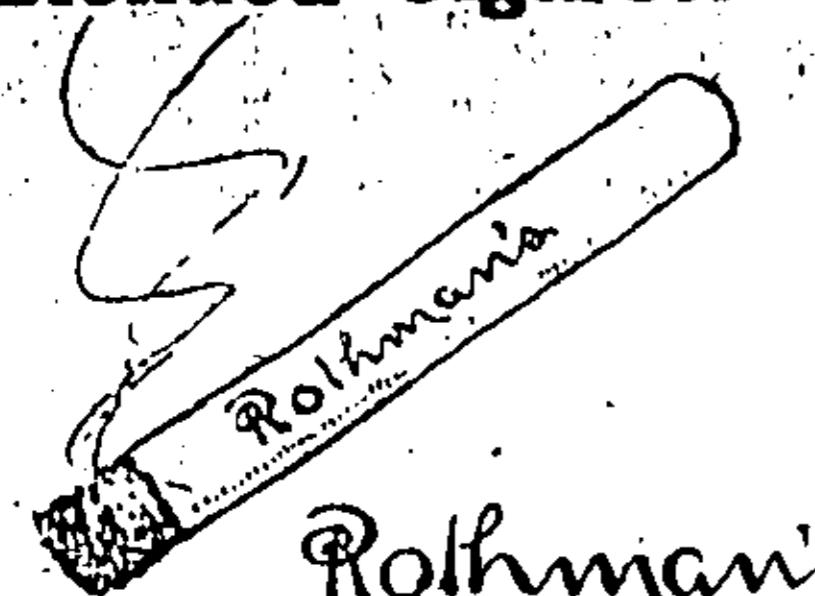
## RUSSIA TAKES THE OFFENSIVE

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CORDELL HULL  
DISCOURSES  
OPTIMISM

The U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, at his press conference yesterday, said he had no advices of any impending agreement or announcement concerning the Japanese-American talks, which had been under way for several months.

Mr. Hull added there was nothing new in the Japanese-American situation.—Reuter.

The head supervisor of the Kin Lee firm, who obtained the contract, admitted that his wife was the sole proprietress of the transportation company engaged in removing the muck from the tunnels. He agreed that his wife's company was not formed until this year, but denied that it was started solely to undertake the sub-contract for removal of earth.

Wan Hin, managing partner of Messrs. Kin Lee, Building Contractors, was the first witness called this morning.

He told the Commission that there were two other partners in the firm, Tam Yiu-po, who lives in Ship Street, and Kwong Nai-kwong, whose address is in Hennery Road.

In answer to a question by the Chairman, Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall, witness said his firm were at present engaged on tunnelling work, in Kowloon, for the A.R.P. Department.

Chairman: Now, will you tell the Commissioners, shortly, how you came to get the contract?—In the very beginning it was the engineer, Mr. Bishop, who had a chat with Kwong Wing, one of my fokis. Mr. Bishop enquired whether we had engines and machinery for opening tunnels.

What month was this?—September, 1940. As to the terms, I think Kwong Wing, my foki, will be able to tell.

Where does he live?—In Jaffe Road.

Is that Kwong Wing (indicating a person sitting in Court)?—Yes.

The chairman then asked Mr. D. S. Blake, who had entered an appearance for Kin Lee, if he would mind Kwong Wing being asked to leave the Court. There were no objections.

## Estimate Submitted

Chairman: Did your foki tell you anything about this conversation he had with Mr. Bishop?

—He did. He asked me whether we had the equipment and I said yes. We were asked to submit an estimate.

Who asked you?—Mr. Bishop. We submitted one and we were asked to make a test of 200 feet of tunnel.

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Wants To  
Shoot  
Back

(SPECIAL TO "CHINAMAIL")

Pleading for guns "so we can shoot back," Capt. Holliday, master of the U.S. freighter "Steel Seafarer," sunk by an unidentified plane in the Red Sea, has drafted a full report to the U.S. Legation in Cairo for cabling to Washington.

Capt. Holliday added: "If we are going to run into these fellows we should have guns."

He said the ship was not blacked out and it was bright moonlight. The plane resembled a German Junkers 88 and glided to 100 feet above the ship before bombing.

Capt. Holliday revealed the ship was laden with Lend-Lease and Lend

material. He and the crew rowed 24 hours to an island where their signals were picked up by a British warship.

Others of the crew in another lifeboat were rescued by a Danish ship.—International News Service.

REPEAL OF  
NEUTRALITY  
ACT PROPHECY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINAMAIL")

President Roosevelt's action in calling a conference of Cabinet leaders, with the decision to reconvene Congress on Monday, lends belief that he is preparing to ask revision or outright repeal of the Neutrality Act.

Congress has been recalled a week early presumably to speed passage of the Tax Bill.—International News Service.

FILM  
INDUSTRY  
ATTACKED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINAMAIL")

Senator Clark, testifying before the U.S. Senate subcommittee yesterday, charged Hollywood film magnates controlling the industry with being determined to plunge the nation into war by propaganda.

He named Warner Bros., Joe Schenck, Zanuck, 20th Century Fox, Korda, Chaplin, United Artists, Henry Luce and "March of Time."

Senator Clark warned he would do all in his power to smash the movie monopoly if they did not cease.

Counsel for the movie industry branded the hearing as an "inquisition with no possible basis for the charges."—International News Service.

WAR ON  
U-BOAT  
PIRATES?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINAMAIL")

High quarters in Washington forecast that President Roosevelt, in his broadcast to-morrow, will condemn piratical acts and submarine attacks, with special reference to the sinking of two American ships in the North Atlantic and the other sinking in the Red Sea.

The State Department reveals it has received word that the attack on the U.S.S. Greer was a "blind attack," the U-boat not bothering to determine the nationality of the warship.

Nature of the protest to Germany is entirely up to President Roosevelt, the State Department said, but they regard all these incidents as flagrant violations of the freedom of the seas.

State Department officials say they will not be surprised if the President tells the Navy in future to treat Axis submarines as pirates if found in the sea lanes between the U.S., Greenland and Iceland.—International News Service.

## BRITAIN SELLING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINAMAIL")

Mr. Jesse Jones, U.S. Federal Loan Administrator, said yesterday Britain contemplates selling Britain's securities back to pay the \$425 millions loan recently extended.—International News Service.

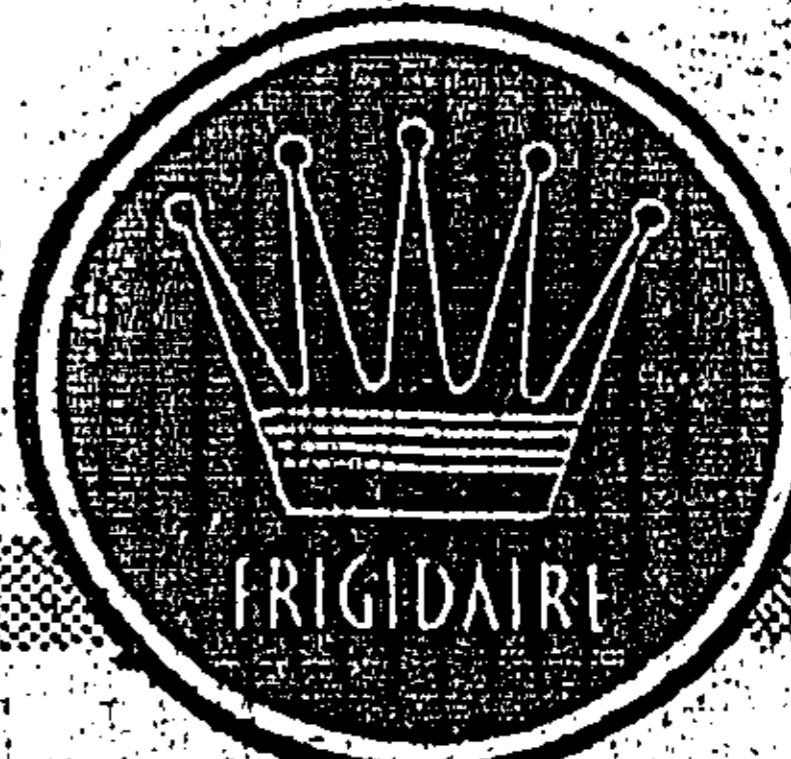
Message  
To Pope

(SPECIAL TO "CHINAMAIL")

IDENTIFYING HIMSELF FOR THE FIRST TIME AS AN "INTERMEDIARY," MR. MYRON TAYLOR, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AT THE VATICAN YESTERDAY, CONFERRRED WITH THE POPE FOR 70 MINUTES.

Though the subject of the talk

was not disclosed, its length is thought by observers to indicate Mr. Taylor was the bearer of a highly important message from President Roosevelt. The message might possibly bear on the United States attitude towards Russia.—International News Service.

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# Germans Suffer Heavily In Moscow Counter-Offensive

## 4,000 Drowned In River Battle

IN A SECOND FIERCE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE SOUTH-EAST OF SMOLENSK, IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE FRONT, MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO'S FORCES HAVE DRIVEN THE GERMANS ACROSS THE RIVER "M," DESTROYING 238 TANKS, 50 AIRCRAFT, 486 LORRIES AND 135 GUNS, ACCORDING TO THE WAR CORRESPONDENT OF "RED STAR," THE SOVIET ARMY ORGAN.

Some 4,000 Germans were drowned in the river, he claims. Although the name of the river is withheld, it may be noted that the Dnieper runs southwards between Smolensk and Yelnya, the city 45 miles south-east of Smolensk which the Russians have already captured.

The correspondent of the "Red Star" writes: "Our gallant troops continue their operations, destroying soldiers and equipment. Our troops forced the Germans to retreat beyond the river."

"The German command massed in this sector a panzer group consisting of several tank divisions and mechanised units.

"In this sector, by means of this 'wedge,' the enemy intended to assure his advance in an eastern direction.

"For several days and nights the Soviet air force violently attacked the tanks and the enemy rear.

### Battle Of Tanks

"The battle of tanks continued five days in conjunction with the air force and other arms. Soviet tanks vigorously attacked the enemy columns.

"ENDEAVOURING TO PREVENT THE ADVANCE OF OUR TROOPS THE ENEMY SHOWED FIERCE RESISTANCE.

"Battles near the river crossing were particularly stubborn. But the resistance of the enemy was broken.

"In the course of these battles the Germans lost 238 tanks, 50 planes, 486 lorries, 34 motorcycles, 25,000 rounds of ammunition, 135 guns, 39 machine-guns, 27 mine-throwers, 65 cases of shells and a quantity of automatic arms.

"About 4,000 German officers and men found their graves in the river.

### Falling Back

"Already considerably battered, the 17th Nazi Tank Division lost on the battlefield 60 tanks, 30 guns, 80 lorries and 1,600 men killed and wounded.

"An effective blow was dealt another German tank division, 600 officers and men being killed.

"Germans taken prisoner speak with horror of the concentrated blows of Soviet tanks, artillery and the air force.

"The Nazis are falling back under the powerful blows of our troops, and operations for smashing the enemy panzer group are continuing."

### Midnight Communiqué

The following is the text of the Soviet midnight communiqué issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During Sept. 10 our troops continued to fight stubbornly against the enemy along the entire front.

"On Sept. 8, 50 German aircraft were destroyed in air combat and on enemy aerodromes. We lost 27 planes.

"On Sept. 9 German planes made several attempts to raid Leningrad but every time were driven back by our air force and A.A. fire.

"At about 10 p.m. some isolated enemy planes broke through to Leningrad at a high altitude and dropped high explosives and incendiaries in various parts of the city. Several fires broke out in

## River Battle Safe Passage Refused

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, revealed yesterday that the Germans had refused to assure safe passage to any American vessel proceeding to Britain to fetch U.S. citizens.

The State Department, he said, therefore had taken emergency measures to permit Americans stranded in belligerent countries to return home in planes and ships other than American.

He emphasised that this was not blanket authorisation to use belligerent transport facilities but would be limited to applications to accommodate Americans marooned many months.

There had been a terrific clamour among Americans in Britain, Europe and Asia to return, Mr. Hull explained, adding that between 75 and 100 in Britain alone must return within a few weeks or lose their citizenship.

A large number of technicians who went to England in connection with the war now wished to return. — Reuter.

## GERMANS IN SARDINIA

SOME THOUSANDS OF GERMAN TROOPS HAVE RECENTLY PASSED THROUGH ITALY EN ROUTE TO SARDINIA, ACCORDING TO A TRAVELLER WHO HAS ARRIVED IN LISBON FROM ITALY.

The traveller states Sardinia is entirely in German occupation and no Italian is allowed to enter the island without a pass, so jealously is it guarded.

It is believed the Germans intend to reinforce the African front. — Reuter.

## REFUSES TO RESIGN

THE BEGUM SHAH NAWAZ HAS ANNOUNCED HER DECISION NOT TO RESIGN FROM THE VICEROY'S NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL IN OBEDIENCE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE MUSLIM LEAGUE.

She points out that she is not associated with the Council as a member of the Muslim League but in the capacity of representative of the women of India. — Reuter.

## IRONING OUT TAX BILL DIFFERENCES

The U.S. House and Senate conferees, considering the \$3,584,000,000 Tax Bill, agreed upon a number of technical differences in connection with different versions of the legislation approved by the two chambers.

House leaders began efforts yesterday to have all members back on the job by September 16 to expedite final Congressional action on the Bill. — Reuter.

## NEW ZEALAND NAVY NOW "ROYAL"

Announcing the King's approval of the New Zealand Navy henceforth being designated "Royal," the Acting Premier, Mr. Nash, said in Wellington yesterday all would be glad to associate themselves with this recognition of the war service of the New Zealand naval forces which the honour implied. — Reuter.

## FREIGHTER DEFEATS BOMBER

Many pieces of a German aircraft, including a piece of the wing five foot long, were souvenirs which fell on the deck of a small British merchant ship, the Nephrite, when she shot down the aircraft during an attack on a convoy off the East Coast of Britain.

About ten German aircraft attacked this convoy in waves. Two were destroyed and a third damaged.

The captain of the Nephrite said: "One aircraft came straight at us. We let go with our defensive machine-guns which caused him to sheer away.

"As he did so he dropped two bombs which exploded near us but did no damage. He also fired a machine-gun at us but only two or three bullets hit the ship.

"Five minutes later another aircraft flew towards us very low. We opened fire and hit him right on the engines just as he was rising to clear our mast.

The engine caught fire, oil poured down on our deck and he struck our mast, carrying away part of the topmast. Then he dived steeply and crashed into the sea about 60 feet away.

The Nephrite continued and reached port safely. — British Wireless.

## MARK OF RESPECT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Two hundred American firms in Shanghai closed and all American flags were flown at half mast in respect for President Roosevelt's mother, who died on Sunday. The closure was requested by the American Chamber of Commerce. — International News Service.

## OFFENSIVE PATROLS

Fighter Command aircraft, in the course of offensive patrols yesterday, attacked gun positions in northwest France and enemy ships in the North Sea.

One aircraft of the Fighter Command is missing, says an Air Ministry communiqué. — Reuter.

## TO ALLOW NO DELAY BY IRAN

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, made it clear in the House of Commons yesterday, that Great Britain would brook no delay in the implementing of the Anglo-Russian Agreement with Iran.

In reply to a question, Mr. Eden said that the Anglo-Russian terms, which were accepted by the Iranian Government, provided that the German Minister and his staff must leave Iran immediately, and the German Legation closed.

This also applies to the Italian, Hungarian and Rumanian Legations.

The Iranian Government state that the four Legations have been requested to comply forthwith, and the Iranian Government are taking steps to hand over the German community to the British and Soviet Governments. — Reuter.

## GERMAN ARMY OF 100,000 IN FLIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE SMASHING Soviet counter-offensive on the central front, that has already routed over 100,000 German troops and regained over 50 villages, is reported in Moscow to be nearing the important city of Smolensk.

It is claimed that the defenders of Leningrad and Odessa are holding fast against repeated onslaughts, with the Rumanians suffering terrible losses at Odessa.

For the first time it was officially acknowledged in Moscow that the Russians are prosecuting a full-blown offensive rather than localised attacks.

While it is admitted that the Leningrad situation is critical the offensive of Marshal Timoshenko on the central front is described as the greatest Russian success thus far.

### Leningrad Drive

The Stockholm correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says that as a result of the Russian victory on the central front and the German lack of headway against Odessa, Hitler has ordered General von Lied: "Leningrad must be taken quickly at all costs as the German armies are needed for other immediate tasks."

The correspondent added that hundreds of dive-bombers are attacking Leningrad continually. He estimates German losses at 80,000 killed, wounded and prisoner in the Yelnya sector.

In Berlin the Nazis claim bombing of Leningrad, Moscow and Odessa and "steady advances" in the north.

### 1,000,000 Men

On the south front, the Germans claim they are "advancing against tenacious resistance."

## U.S. SHIP LIT UP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ALL 36 OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SUNKEN AMERICAN FREIGHTER "STEEL SEAFARER" HAVE BEEN BROUGHT SAFELY TO A RED SEA PORT AND ALL CLAIMED THE SHIP AND THE U.S. FLAG WERE FULLY ILLUMINATED WHEN THE BOMBER SANK THE VESSEL.

Survivors did not identify the plane but referred to it as a "Jerry."

Meanwhile the Italian Government, without admitting that an Axis plane was to blame, declared: "The alleged sinking of the Steel Seafarer was a natural consequence," since Italy, long ago, declared the Red Sea and Suez Canal area a "blockade zone." — International News Service.

# BRITAIN GIVES GUARANTEE

## Use Of Lease And Lend Materials

### White Paper Published

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FIRM ASSURANCES RESPECTING THE USE OF MATERIALS RECEIVED UNDER THE LEASE AND LEND ACT, AND CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AS A WHITE PAPER.

Under yesterday's date, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, sent the United States Ambassador a memorandum in which he stated that all materials which Britain obtains under the Lease and Lend Act are required for the prosecution of the war effort.

The British Government has communication against United States taken, and will continue to firms. to ensure that these goods are not in any case diverted to the furtherance of private interests.

Lease and Lend materials sent to Britain have not been used for export, and every effort will be made to ensure that they will not be used for export, subject to the principles that where complete physical segregation of Lease and Lend materials is impracticable, domestic consumption of the material in question shall at least be equal to the amounts received under the Lease and Lend Act.

The British Government have not applied and will not apply any materials similar to those supplied under Lease and Lend in such a way as to enable their exporters to enter new markets or extend the export trade at the expense of U.S. exporters.

The U.K. export trade is restricted to the irreducible minimum necessary for the war effort.

#### Special List

No materials of the type whose use is being restricted in the United States on the grounds of short supply, and of which Britain obtains supplies from the United States, either by payment or of Lease and Lend terms, will be used in export with the exception of the following:

Firstly, material which is needed overseas for essential war supplies for ourselves and the Allies and which cannot be obtained from the United States.

Secondly, small quantities of such materials needed as components of exports which otherwise are composed of materials not in short supply in the United States.

Thirdly, repair parts for British machinery and plant now in use and needed to complete installations under construction, so long as they have already been contracted for.

Steps are being taken to prevent the export except to the Empire and Allied territories of such goods which do not come within the categories mentioned above.

#### Distribution

Materials similar to those provided under the Lease and Lend Act which are not in short supply in the United States will not be used for export in quantities greater than those for which Britain produces or buys from any source.

The Memorandum then goes on to deal with the distribution in the United Kingdom of Lease and Lend goods and states that the remuneration received by the distributor is controlled and will be no more than a fair return for services rendered.

The arrangements rigorously exclude any opportunity for speculative profit by private interests dealing in Lease and Lend goods.

#### No Discrimination

In the distribution of Lease and Lend goods, there will be no dis-

No goods obtained on Lease and Lend terms will be sold at uncontrolled prices.

Thus the general arrangements as regards the issue of Lease and Lend goods fits into the British Government's policy of stabilizing the price of foodstuffs — a policy to which the Government contributes £100,000,000 per year.

The correspondence ends with a letter from Mr. John G. Winant to Mr. Eden, stating that the latter's memo will be transferred to Washington for the United States' Government's information.

It is explained in official quarters in London that the assurances are neither a reversion of Britain's export policy, nor do they mean a drastic restriction of trade.

Their effect, at most, would be to hasten certain restrictions which would have had to be made in any case.

That was being done to counteract the propaganda used by isolationists and others which is causing damage to the British cause in America.—Reuter.

## LEASE AND LEND STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AN UNDERTAKING REGARDING THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF LEASE AND LEND MATERIALS:

Questions bearing on the matter were put in the House of Commons yesterday. One member asked to what extent it was Government's policy to reduce exports from Britain to states other than the U.S. in order to obtain the maximum temporary advantage from the Lease and Lend Bill.

#### Export Trade

Mr. R. R. Stokes (Labour) asserted several trade associations had already circularised their members urging them to refrain from the export trade on account of delay in announcing agreement between Britain and the U.S. and asked whether it was Government's intention to abandon the export trade.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Waterhouse, replied it was certainly not the intention to abandon the export trade.—Reuter.

## Another Door Closed

As the result of the Anglo-Soviet action in Iran, Germany will lose not only considerable food supplies but will also be deprived of substantial quantities of cotton, jute and boxwood.

A Ministry of Economic Warfare expert said in London yesterday that the Germans would lose 18,000 or 20,000 tons of cotton a year.

That supplies were short was shown by the fact that Jews in Germany have been deprived of the major portion of their bedding.

Germany's lack of jute would be even more acute owing to the loss of Iranian jute, hitherto exported to Germany in the form of Hessian and jute bags. Boxwood, which the Nazis also obtained from Iran, is one of the few woods of sufficiently good quality for use in the hand-filling of shells and bombs and is also used in the manufacture of mathematical instruments, cogs and tool handles.—Reuter.

## AMBASSADOR INJURED

MR. DREXEL BIDDLE, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN LONDON, WAS, INJURED YESTERDAY WHILE WATCHING MANOEUVRES BY THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS BRIGADE IN THE MIDLANDS.

Mr. Biddle received a splinter in the leg and hand and was the first casualty to be treated in an ambulance which, with two mobile canteens, were recently presented to the Brigade by the American people.—Reuter.

## SESSA TORPEDOED AND SHELLED

The State Department disclosed in Washington yesterday that the "Sessa" was both torpedoed and shelled by the submarine, presumed to be German, without warning while bound from the United States to Iceland.

Three survivors of the "Sessa" are a Dane, Swede and Portuguese.—Reuter.

## BRITISH GENTILITY WITH VICHY

IN VIEW OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT'S BITTER HOSTILITY TOWARDS GREAT BRITAIN, MR. GEORGE MANDER, LIBERAL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, YESTERDAY URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE A DEEPER BREACH WITH VICHY IN FAVOUR OF THE FREE FRENCH.

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, however, pointed out that there were no diplomatic relations between Britain and Vichy, and Britain recognised General de Gaulle as leader of all Free Frenchmen.

Mr. Eden added: "I do not see what more we can do."

Mr. Mander then suggested that Mr. Eden should consider going further, and recognise General de Gaulle's organisation as the Government of France. No answer was returned.—Reuter.

## SCHEDULE OF U.S. SUPPLY NEEDS

The U.S. Supply Priorities and Allocations Board has instructed its executive director, Mr. D. M. Nelson, to work out a complete schedule of the nation's military and civilian requirements in an effort to solve problems pertaining to shortages of materials and the expansion of production facilities.

The plan will incorporate the needs of the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force and such goods as are to go to Britain and other countries covered by the Lease and Lend Act.—Reuter.

## GAOL CHIEF ATTACKED

MR. HAROLD BARRETT, CHIEF OFFICER AT STANLEY GAOL, WAS THE VICTIM OF AN ATTACK BY PRISONERS YESTERDAY. He received a wound in the leg necessitating detention in hospital.

Major Willcocks, Commissioner of Prisons, told the "China Mail" that investigation of the incident was proceeding. The circumstances cannot, for the moment, be disclosed.

## WITHOUT PERMITS

TWO BOATMEN AND THREE SHOP BOYS were each fined \$10. or three weeks' hard labour, by Major A. N. Macfadyen this morning, for unlawfully boarding a British ship at Kowloon Wharf yesterday.

They were on legitimate business and the police prosecutor said that if they had applied for permits, they would have been given them.

## Roosevelt Speech

## LEADERS TO CONFER

President Roosevelt yesterday completed the address on foreign affairs which he is to deliver at 2 a.m. (G.M.T.) on Friday at the White House.

The President emphasised the importance he attaches to the speech by increasing its length and he will now speak for 25 minutes instead of 15 as originally planned.

President Roosevelt completed the speech at his Hyde Park (N.Y.) home just before leaving in a special train for Washington. HE ASKED HIS SECRETARIAT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS IN WASHINGTON LAST NIGHT OR TO DAY WITH MR. CORDELL HULL (SECRETARY OF STATE), COL. KNOX (NAVY SECRETARY) AND MR. STIMSON (WAR SECRETARY).

When asked whether these proposed talks had any connection with the radio speech the President's secretary, Mr. Hascott, replied: "You might make your own deductions."

The President is accompanied by his wife, Mr. Harry Hopkins, Lease and Lend Supervisor, joined the train at New York.—Reuter.

## EQUIPPING THE FORCES

INDIANS ARE SENDING IN A WIDE RANGE OF SUGGESTIONS AND INVENTIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE PRESENT EQUIPMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND ALSO INCREASING THE USE OF INDIAN MATERIALS IN THE MANUFACTURE OF WAR MATERIALS.

The special committee formed for the purpose is now investigating their usefulness. It is stated the committee feel that the importance to India of the growing use to which Indian materials can be for the manufacture of stores and equipment for the armed forces, cannot be too strongly emphasised.

Further suggestions and inventions by Indians are invited.—Reuter.

## RAILWAY STRIKE DELAYED

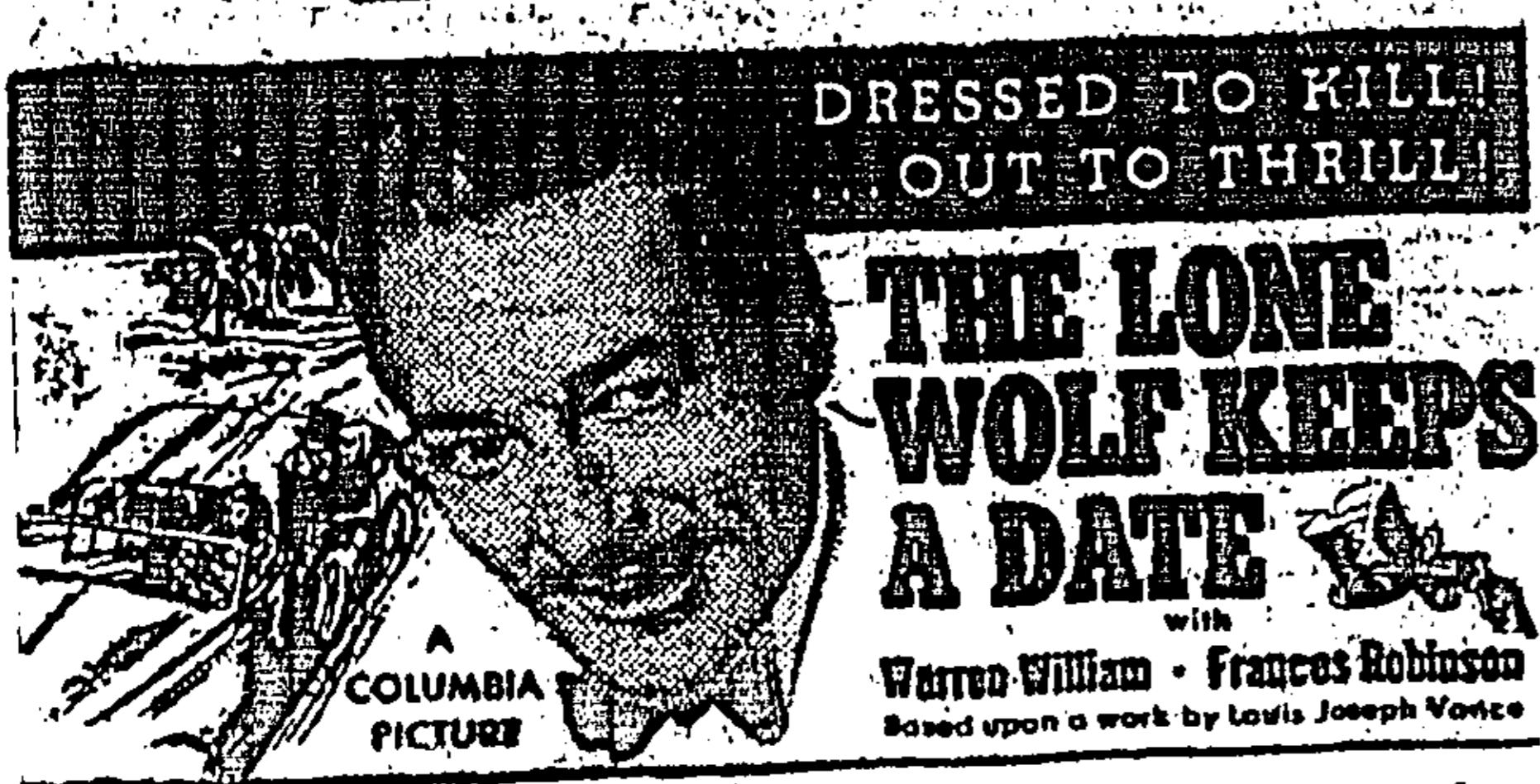
THE THREATENED AMERICAN RAIL STOPPAGE HAS BEEN DELAYED AS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ORDERED THE CREATION OF A BOARD OF FIVE MEMBERS TO INVESTIGATE RAILWAY WAGE DIFFERENCES.

This in effect delays the stoppage as, in accordance with the Railway Labour Act, a strike must be delayed at least 30 days after the report of the investigators has been handed to the President.—Reuter.

## 45'S TO REGISTER

The Ministry of Labour and National Service announces that under the Registration for Employment Order all men born in 1906 whatever their present employment will be required to register on Saturday next.—British Wireless.

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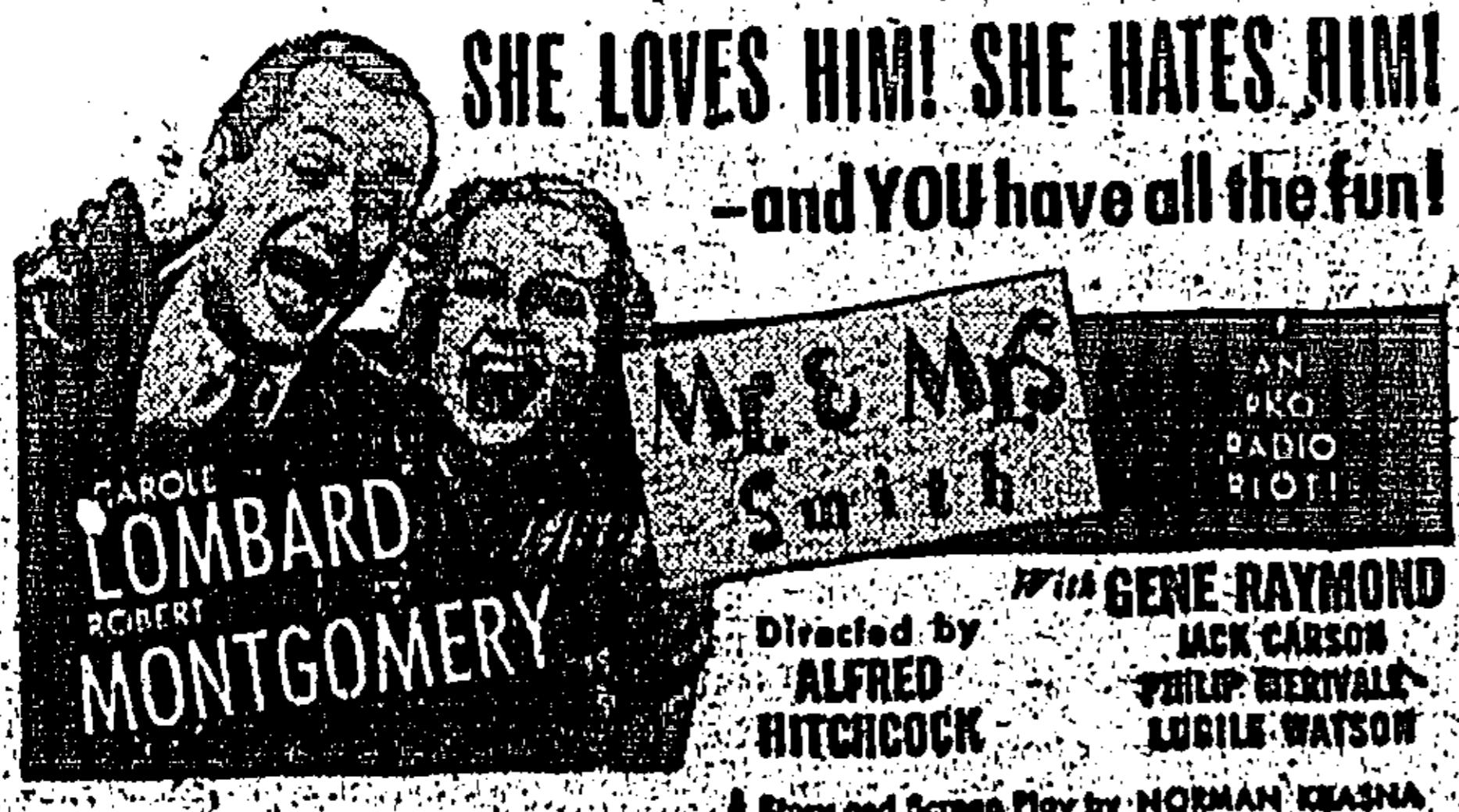
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# DARLAN RESISTS PEACE CONFERENCE PROPOSAL

(From the French Frontier)

THE PRELIMINARY Franco-German Peace Treaty, which it is believed Hitler had originally planned should take place for propaganda purposes within the framework of a big peace conference, has not yet received the official signature of the heads of the German and Vichy Governments.

According to political observers the plans for this conference, which was favoured by Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, Otto Abetz, German Ambassador to France, and de Brinon, French envoy to occupied France, have been given up owing to opposition by Admiral Darlan.

An agreement in principle, however, as previously foreshadowed, has been drawn up on the following lines:

German annexation of Alsace-Lorraine;

Integrity of the French colonies; Compensation for France by obtaining later the Walloon districts of Belgium and British West African colonies;

No territorial concessions to Italy, which is to receive Egypt as compensation;

Continuation of the German occupation of Northern France but the term "occupying troops" to be replaced by "troops belonging to a friendly nation;"

France to place all means of assistance at Germany's disposal.

## French Fleet ?

The fate of the French fleet is wrapped in the deepest secrecy.

Meanwhile negotiations aiming at reduction of the costs of occupation, which remain at 400 million francs a day, are still at deadlock.

The occupation costs have neither been reduced nor, as the Germans originally wished, transmuted into gold by foreign exchange payments.—Reuter.

## IGNORANT OF THE REGULATIONS

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning on Li O-kee, 37, for bringing three letters into the Colony other than by post.

Accused was searched by Sergeant Stewart on board a sampan at 7 p.m. last night after disembarking from a British ship from Shanghai. Three letters were found in his pocket.

Accused was ignorant of the Regulations as this was his first visit to Hong Kong.

## TRIAD SOCIETY SENTENCE

Mak Ping, 36, was sentenced to one year's hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara this morning for being a member of a Triad Society and for returning from life banishment.

Det. Sgf. H. J. Baldwin, who raided the Society at No. 561, Canton Road, on Tuesday evening, said accused was the accountant of the Society.

## SPITTING FINE

While inspecting a food factory at No. 19, Shangrui Street, at 8 a.m. yesterday, Sanitary Inspector G. Smith saw Wan Yiu, 44, folk, spitting on the premises. Before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning, Wan Yiu was fined \$5.

## Freakish Report

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Russian circles in Shanghai to-day categorically denied a Vichy report that the ashes of the late Tsar Nicholas II are reposing in the vaults of the Bank of England.

The Vichy report asserted that the French World War leader, General Pierre Janin, told newsmen he brought an urn with the ashes from Russia in 1918 following an unsuccessful attempt to rescue the Tsar.

The report is described in Shanghai as an attempt by Vichy and the Nazis to start trouble between the British and Russian people.

It is asserted that the bodies of the Tsar and his family were burned with sulphuric acid.—International News Service.

## GERMANY DEMANDS GOLD

It was learned in well-informed neutral diplomatic circles in London yesterday that a deadlock has been reached in the negotiations which have been in progress between Vichy and Germany for a reduction of the occupation charges.

These are being paid at present at the original figure of 400 million francs daily.

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT EARLIER IN THE YEAR ADMIRAL DARLAN REFERRED TO THE "GENEROUS" GERMANS WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE OCCUPATION CHARGES HAD BEEN REDUCED.

Vichy's inability, or unwillingness to furnish gold for payment of these charges appears to be one of the reasons for the failure of the negotiations.—Reuter.

## LAVAL ON FEET AGAIN

DE BRINON, VICHY REPRESENTATIVE IN OCCUPIED FRANCE, YESTERDAY PAID A VISIT TO LAVAL, WHOM HE FOUND WALKING ABOUT THE VERSAILLES HOSPITAL.

It is announced that Laval, victim of the recent Versailles shooting, will return to Paris shortly and will stay there some days before going to his country home.

The result of mental examinations of Paul Colette, young assailant of Laval and Deat, is said to have shown he must be held fully responsible for his act.—Reuter.

## SOVIET SHIPS IN FAR EAST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Two additional Soviet freighters which have been tied up in Shanghai for repairs since March are due to leave shortly for Manila and Thailand to take on supplies for Russia.

The vessels are expected to load raw materials from Thailand and machine-tools from Manila.—International News Service.

## ORIENTAL

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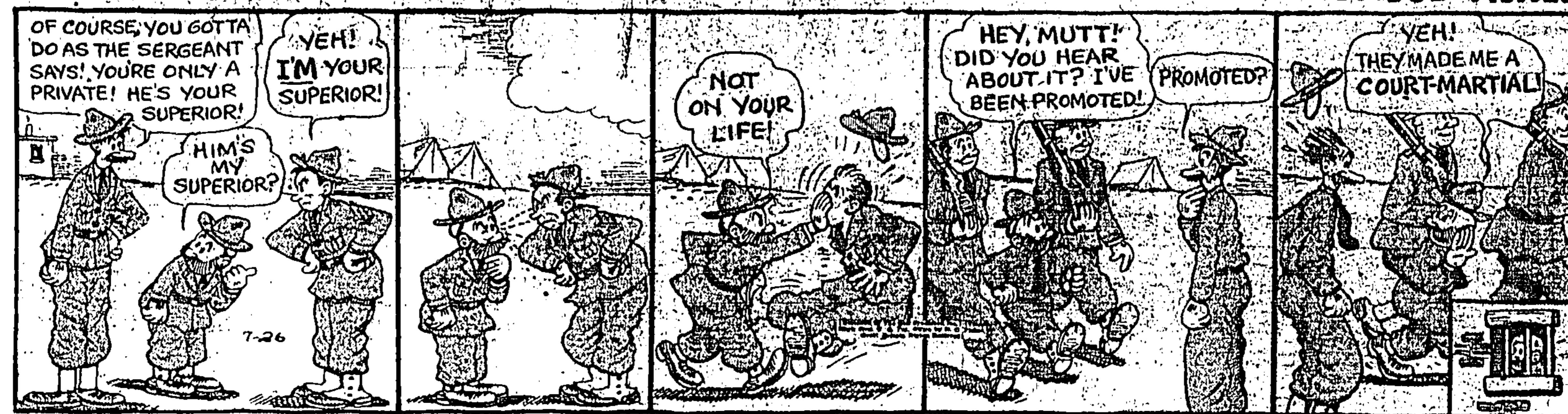
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MUTT AND JEFF



By BUD FISHER

## AIR DISASTER DUE TO ERRORS OF JUDGMENT

ERRORS OF JUDGMENT were mentioned by Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Air Minister, in the Commons yesterday in giving the results of the investigations into the two fatal crashes of Atlantic aircraft in which 44 lives were lost.

Sir Archibald said that the first accident is attributed to an error in navigation which caused the aircraft to strike a mountain under conditions of bad visibility, which were not, however, such as to have justified cancellation of the flight.

The mountain is many miles from the track which the aircraft should have followed, and from the evidence available, it is impossible to explain how the error occurred.

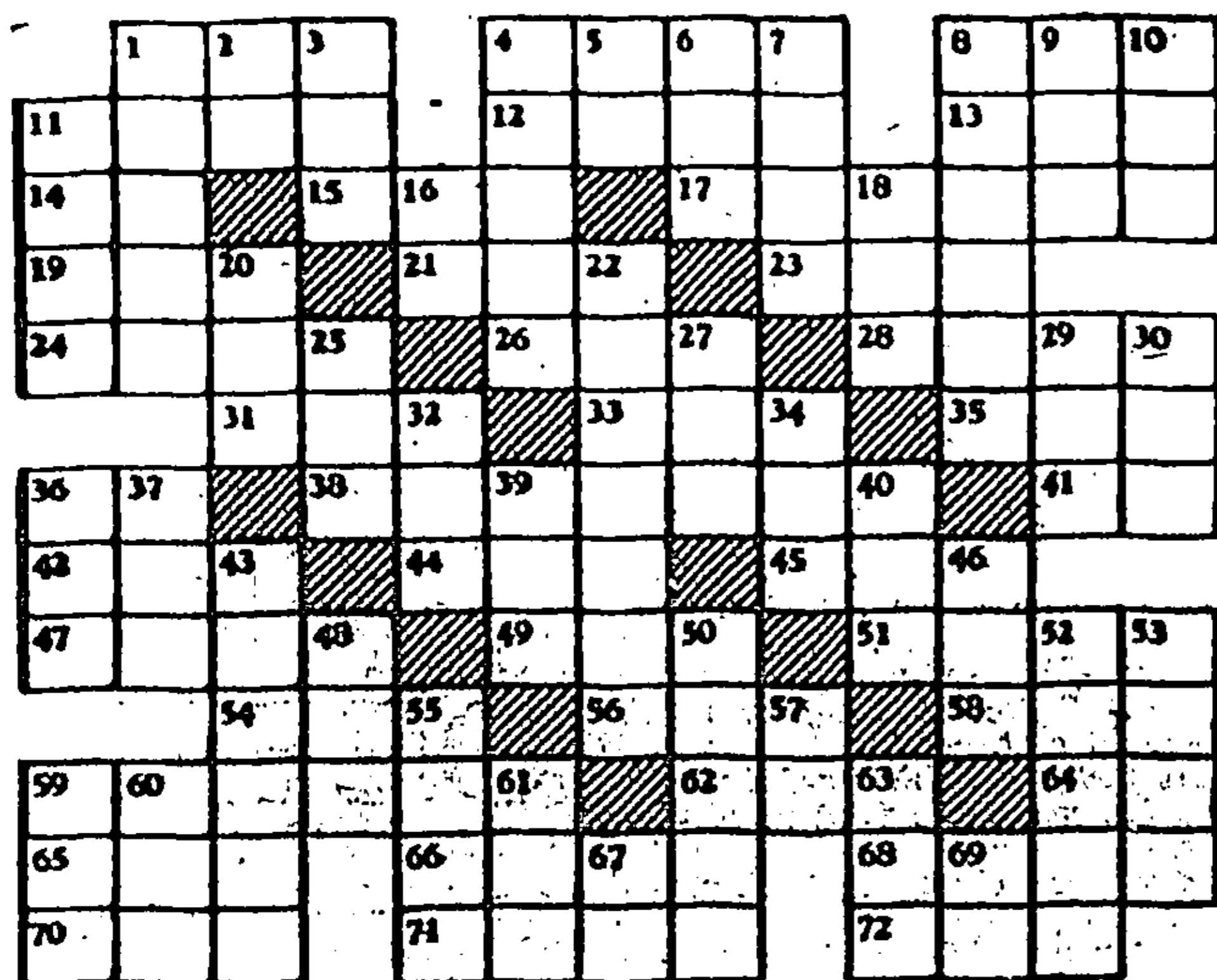
The navigation instruments had been fully and satisfactorily tested, and the aircraft was properly inspected before the flight.

Their inspectors' finding in the case of the second accident is that it was due to bad judgment by

the captain, firstly, in taking off along the wrong runway, presumably through an oversight secondly, in allowing the aircraft to swing to port with the result that it left the runway and took to the grass, and thirdly, in not shutting off the engines immediately this had occurred.

In neither case was there evidence of negligence on the part of the authorities, of sabotage or of mechanical defects.—Reuter.

### OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



#### HORIZONTAL

- 1 Owing
- 4 Quarrel
- 8 Snake
- 11 Compassion
- 12 To peel
- 13 Body of water
- 14 By
- 15 The self
- 17 Large thrush
- 19 Pronoun
- 21 Vast, age
- 23 Card game
- 24 Burden
- 26 Price
- 28 Long journey
- 31 Container
- 33 Lever
- 35 Prefix: three
- 36 Indo-Chinese language
- 38 Projecting part of a fortress
- 41 Article
- 42 To haul
- 44 French col
- 45 At once
- 47 Sandarac tree
- 49 African antelope
- 51 Archæc. prounoun
- 54 Snare
- 56 Finnish
- 58 Rowing implement

#### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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RED	BYE	HOB

- 59 Cretan seaport
- 62 Electrified particle
- 64 Symbol for samarium
- 65 Malt beverage
- 66 To prepare for publication
- 68 Seed coating
- 70 To make lace
- 71 Archæc. to interpret
- 72 Footlike part

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Likewise
- 2 Guido's low note
- 3 To watch
- 4 Slang: to deceive
- 5 Colloquial: father
- 6 Limb
- 7 Linden tree
- 8 To classify
- 9 To understand
- 10 Slang: friend
- 11 Bucket
- 16 Earth goddess
- 18 Toper
- 20 Pouch
- 22 God of the sea
- 23 Poor player
- 27 Silkworm
- 30 Epoch
- 32 Relation
- 34 Dance step
- 36 Distant
- 38 Philippine savage
- 39 To soak
- 40 Negative
- 43 Large sea bird
- 46 Which person?
- 48 Colour
- 52 To merge
- 53 Fertile spot
- 55 Russian mountain system
- 56 Row
- 57 To act
- 59 Feline
- 60 Wing
- 61 Fruit drink
- 63 To slumber
- 67 European fish
- 69 Concerning

### WORKED FIVE DAYS WITHOUT STOPPING

The Russian communique, which praises civilian as well as service heroes, named:

"Comrade Zagozoff, who, working on two lathes simultaneously, did not leave his work for five whole days until he had finished his job." —Reuter.

### COST OF LIVING INDEX

THE MINISTER OF FOOD DISCLOSED IN A PARLIAMENTARY REPLY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THAT THE COST OF LIVING INDEX, WHICH HAD RISEN BY BETWEEN 45 AND 50% BETWEEN JULY 1941 AND JULY 1916, HAD ONLY RISEN BY 28% BETWEEN AUGUST 1, 1939 AND THE SAME DATE IN 1941.

For food only the corresponding increases were 61% (1914-1916) and 22% (1939/1941).

Major Lloyd George, the Parliamentary Secretary, added that the total net expenditure on food subsidies up to March 31, 1941 was approximately £80,000,000. Similar figures were not available as to expenditure incurred since that date but the present rate of expenditure was in excess of £100,000,000 yearly. —British Wireless.

### MALTA GRATEFUL

A SHIELD INSCRIBED "IN TOKEN OF APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE FOR THE BRILLIANT SERVICES RENDERED IN DEFENCE OF THESE ISLANDS" WAS PRESENTED TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE AND FLEET AIR ARM BY THE ANGLO-MALTESE LEAGUE ON TUESDAY IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF MALTA.

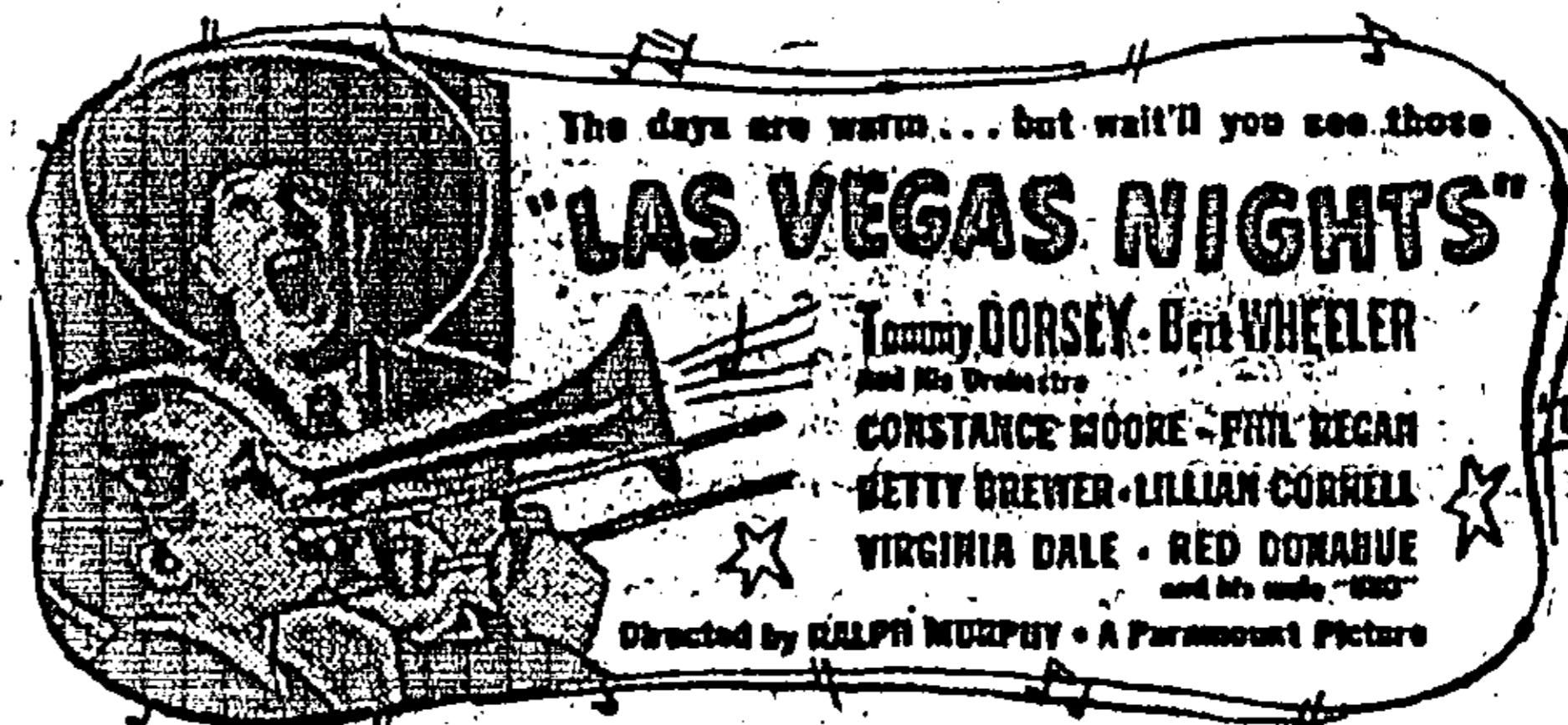
Air Vice-Marshal Lloyd, replying to the speech by the president of the League, said: "We have been called the Knights of St. John—they cleared the seas of the scourge of piracy, our task is to clear the air of the scourge of dictatorship, and we will. Malta and its history is an inspiration to us all." —Reuter.

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## KOWLOON TUNNEL CONTRACT

(Continued from Page 1)

Let's have more about this estimate first — I have the documents here. (Witness then produced the papers).

That is submitted to the Executive Engineer, Waterworks? — Yes.

And you submitted prices for tunnelling work in Hong Kong or Kowloon, is that correct? — Yes.

Did Mr. Bishop ask you to submit prices for work in Hong Kong? — No sir.

Then why did you submit prices for work in Hong Kong? — Because at first we did not know which side we had to work on, in Hong Kong or Kowloon.

What did Mr. Bishop say? — I did not speak to Mr. Bishop.

What did Mr. Bishop tell your folks? — I cannot remember now.

## No Experience

Can you remember if your folks had told you Mr. Bishop had asked him to submit prices for work on the Hong Kong side? — I cannot remember.

Anyway, from your letter you were prepared to do tunnelling work in Hong Kong according to the prices submitted? — Yes sir.

Has your firm ever done any work of this sort before? — No.

Has any of your folks ever had any experience of this work? — Yes.

Where? — In the interior of China, building railway tunnels. But not A.R.P.? — No.

## Firm's Estimate

According to your estimates you were prepared to make a tunnel 50 feet in at \$25 per cubic yard in rock and \$5 per cubic yard in soft? — Yes.

And for timbering the tunnel at \$10 per cubic yard? — Yes.

These rise on a sliding scale at varied prices rising slightly for 50 feet to 100 feet, 100 feet to 150 feet, 150 feet to 200 feet, 200 feet to 300 feet? — Yes.

Your maximum quotation was \$50 per cubic yard for tunnelling, 300 feet? — Yes.

That for tunnelling in rock and soft \$10 per cubic yard? — Yes.

And for close timbering \$15 per cubic yard? — Yes.

And you confirmed all these prices, covering all implements and labour, to be divided into three shifts of eight hours each? — Yes.

And alternatively you proposed to hire the implements to Government? — Correct.

You gave a list of the implements and the charges per month? — Yes.

On the assumption that Government would do the work themselves? — Yes.

## Not Accepted

What was the next thing that happened after you sent in this estimate? — The estimate was not accepted.

What happened about it? — About one or two months later I was requested to submit another estimate.

Who requested you? — Mr. Bishop.

Have you got the further estimate there? — The second was about workmen.

At the request of the Chairman, witness produced all the documents relating to the contract and estimates.

Referring to the documents, the Chairman asked witness. Several days after sending in the estimate, a letter by Mr. Bishop confirms the prices for tunnelling contained in your letter? — Yes.

And he says that he has been authorised to authorise your firm to start on the work as soon as possible up to 200 feet? — Correct.

He tells you that the site will be pointed out by Mr. Campbell? — Yes.

One of the letters, dated November 13, is from Kin Lee to Mr. Bishop? — Yes.

## Terms Changed

In this letter you informed Mr. Bishop and explained the arrangements for the labour of workmen and for the equipment to be used on the job? — Yes.

And in reply to that letter, Mr. Bishop agreed to the terms stated therein? — Yes.

And you performed that work on that basis? — We were not paid according to the estimate.

Why not? — Eventually we came to an agreement on a cost plus 10% basis.

We are coming to that. On September 8, Mr. Bishop con-

firmed these prices and told you to get on with the job. Is that correct? — Yes.

Did you do the job? — We started the work.

Then what happened? — We carried on.

At those prices? — No.

At what prices? — Payment was based on what we paid in expenditure plus 10%.

Did you receive anything in writing from the P.W.D. varying the terms of that contract? — No.

You received nothing? Perhaps you can tell us how the terms were varied? — I don't know; that work was done by Mr. Kwong Wing, the supervisor.

Am I right in saying there was a conversation between Mr. Kwong Wing and Mr. Bishop and as a result these terms were varied round about November 13? — Correct.

Up to now many feet have been completed? — I think 13,000 feet.

How many sites are you working on? — Many.

Roughly how many? — Mr. Kwong Wing would know better.

## Phoned Up

Mr. Kwong Wing was then called and in reply to the Chairman said he was head supervisor in the Kin Lee Company.

Can you tell us how your firm came to get the contract? — At first Mr. Bishop phoned us up?

Phoned who up? — Kin Lee Company.

Who spoke to him? — I attended the telephone.

He phoned you up? — I attended the telephone so I was sent to see him.

Did you go to see Mr. Bishop? — Yes.

Tell us what happened. — First he asked me if I had any machinery for excavating tunnels. I said "Yes" and he asked me how many such machines I had. I said five. I had then no idea that it was in connection with making A.R.P. tunnels. He asked me how much it would cost to make a tunnel. I told him I could not give him an answer straight away but would have to make enquiries. He also asked me how much it would cost to hire the machinery. I then went away.

Subsequently you wrote him a letter? — Yes.

You quoted prices for tunnelling a tunnel eight feet by seven feet either on Hong Kong or Kowloon side? — Yes.

You were prepared to do work on the Hong Kong side? — Yes.

## Prices Accepted

What made you mention Hong Kong when you were not asked? — It was my own idea to point out that the prices would be the same on Hong Kong side.

Those prices of yours were accepted by Mr. Bishop? — Yes.

And he instructed you to carry on up to 200 feet? — Yes, before I received the letter I had a conversation with Mr. Bishop who said that a trial would be made up to 200 feet to see how much it would cost.

At \$50 per cubic yard in rock and \$10 per cubic yard in soft? — Yes.

\$15 for close timbering? — Yes.

You were told to submit accurate day cost sheets to his office? — Yes.

Did you do that? — Yes.

When did you start? — From the first day.

Did you receive any money in advance from Government? — No.

Did you complete the 200 feet? — Yes.

When? — In November.

How much did it come to? — I can't remember.

Have you any books on that particular job? — No, all were sent to Mr. Bishop's office. Kin Lee did not keep any duplicates; all were sent to Government.

## No Documents

You mean to say Kin Lee have no documents of the job which they completed and were paid for by Government according to the rate of the contract? — We have not been paid.

You have not been paid? — No.

Have you claimed? — No.

Although the work has been completed a year ago? — We have been paid but not according to the prices contracted for.

What price did you receive payment at? — Cost plus 10%.

So in spite of the fact that you made an offer to Government and in spite of the fact that the offer was accepted you were sub-

sequently paid for the work on a cost plus basis? — We were paid at the rate of cost plus 10%.

Perhaps you can tell the Commission how you came to have the terms varied by Government?

Witness began to explain that had the tunnelling been extended beyond 200 feet it would be cheaper on a cost plus basis than at the original terms of the contract.

## Voluntary Change

"That's not the answer," said the Chairman. "How did it come about that you persuaded Mr. Bishop to change the contract? — We did not persuade him.

He did it voluntarily? — Yes; on one occasion Mr. Bishop sent for me, after the start of the work, and told me that our estimate of the prices for 200 feet, compared with the cost plus basis, ours was dearer.

What happened after that conversation with Mr. Bishop? — He told me to write him a letter referring to our conversation.

Did you suggest to him that Government pay cost plus 10%? — He suggested it to me.

You knew then that you could make more money if you stuck to the original contract? — Yes.

So did Mr. Bishop? — Yes.

The position is that you have a binding contract with Government and another one verbally between you and Mr. Bishop, and that the variation was to the detriment of Government since they paid more and to the benefit of Kin Lee Company? — Correct.

## None Complete

Any idea how many feet have been done? — 13,500 feet.

How many sites? — Five.

Any of those tunnels completed? — No, one yet.

When did you start work on these five tunnels? — I can't say offhand when the work was started. The No. 1 was started in September.

Am I correct in saying that the only authority you have for building those tunnels is a letter from Mr. Bishop on September 31 in reply to yours, accepting your terms? — Yes.

Nothing was laid down as to who was to supervise the work? — Nothing in writing.

Have you any letters between you and Mr. Bishop authorising you to sub-let? — No.

Having you in fact sub-let? — Yes.

On whose authority? — Mr. Campbell's.

When did he give this? — I don't remember the date — from the very beginning we have sub-let.

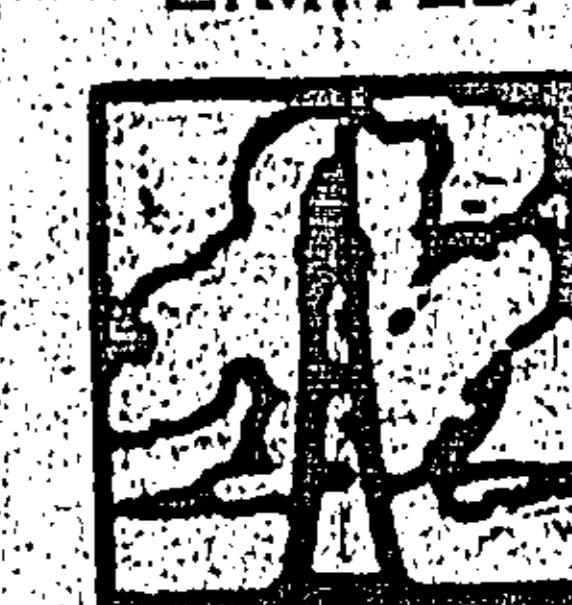
How many sub-contractors have you on the job? — Five.

Only five? — Yes.

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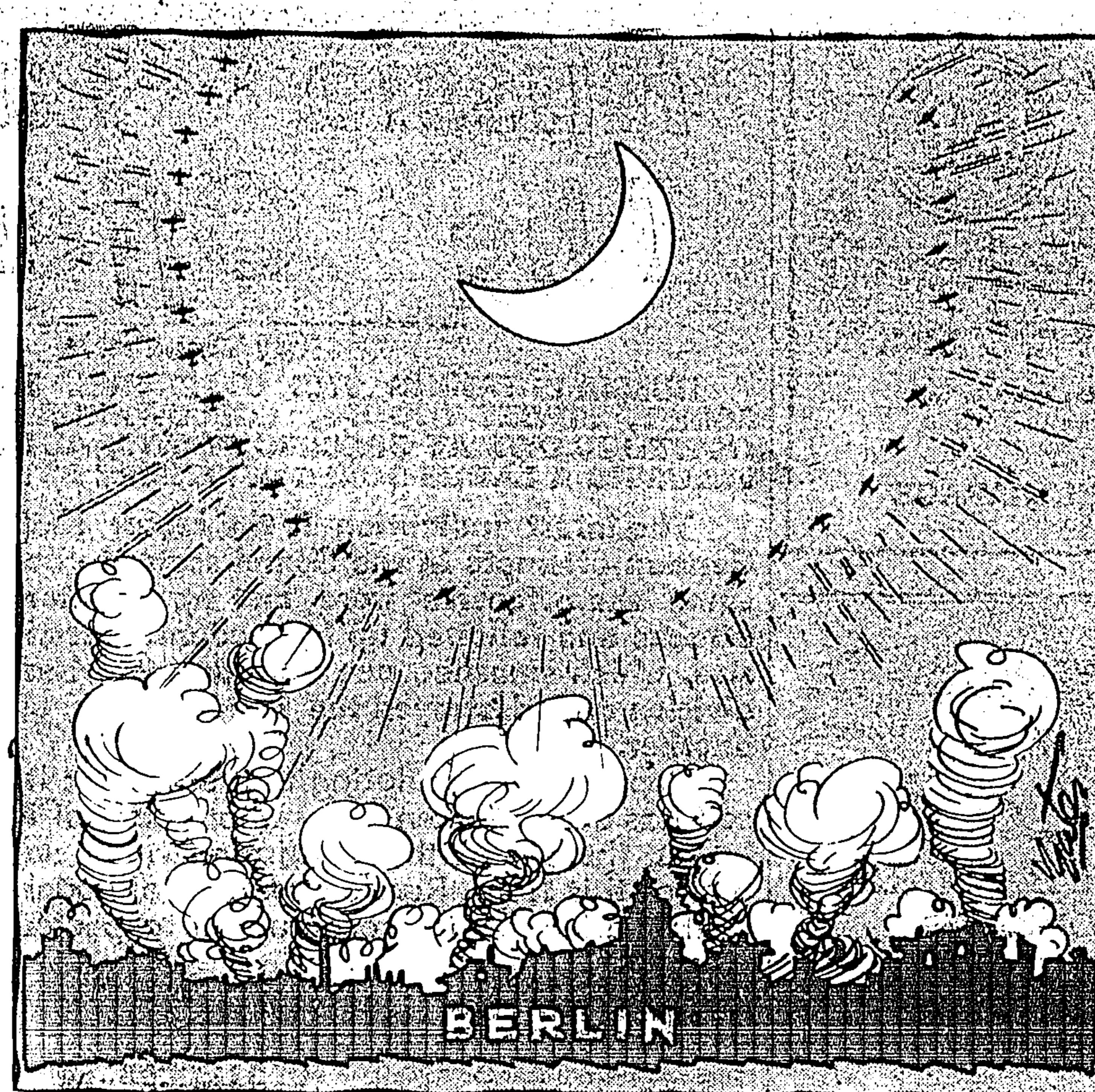
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### COMING OF AGE

King Peter of Yugoslavia celebrated his coming of age in London last Saturday. This event was of interest, not because a crowned head had reached maturity, but because he stood as the representative of a nation which heroically decided in the face of almost certain disaster, to resist German aggression rather than to submit without a struggle. Mr. Winston Churchill, announcing this great decision in the House of Commons last March, immediately following King Peter's action, stated in his usual happy phraseology, that Yugoslavia had at that moment "found her soul."

The decision to fight was undoubtedly a desperate one and it is not surprising that Prince Paul, the Regent, in view of the country's unpreparedness for war — a fact for which he was largely to blame — had other views. Not only was the Yugoslav army almost entirely devoid of the mechanised units so essential in modern warfare, but the internal and age-long dissensions between the conglomeration of communities comprising the kingdom of Yugoslavia, was a source of definite weakness during a time of stress. Nevertheless, Serbs, Croats, Slovenes, Dalmatians, Macedonians, Montenegrins, Bosnians and Nerezgovinians rallied to the King's appeal and for a few days the Germans met a heroic fighting force which, though finally defeated, was largely responsible for a number of vital alterations in Hitler's plan of campaign. If Yugoslavia had not resisted, the position for the Allies to-day would have been far less favourable.

Her industries would have played a complacent part in the provisioning of the German army — to-day sabotage and reluctant labour is the rule. Many strategic points of value to Germany have been destroyed. Had it not been for Yugoslavia's challenge, the German forces would have advanced against the Ukraine and in all probability against Turkey, under far more favourable conditions. Moreover, the Yugoslavs are still resisting. They are fighting in groups protected by the mountains from where they are able to swoop with deadly accuracy on German transports and communications. They constitute a



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# Japan: Is Change In Policy Near?

**JAPANESE** pessimism about Japan-American relations is paradoxically a fortunate sign. It is one of several indications that Japanese international policies may begin to be based on realities. However little sweetness there may be about Dai Nippon nowadays, there is at least starting to be a little light — long overdue and welcome indeed in view of the long and almost unbroken record of march toward darkness.

It is not stretching interpretation too far to say, moreover, that the Government's decision to invoke full provisions of the General Mobilisation Act may not be without its redeeming features in the long run.

Such extremism may, of course, mean war — but it may also mean a turning point close ahead. Which this will be depends largely on events far from the Far East; notably the Soviet struggle against Japan's ally-of-convenience, Germany.

### Keeping Avenues Clear

But if Germany does not begin to win some early and conspicuous fresh successes, Japan is going to have to begin some serious exploration of avenues toward an about face. This is the first time such a situation has developed in more than four years of Japanese war with China. And as stated, the Japanese are beginning to get some cold, solid information on which to base their thinking in the event that the opportunity for new easy conquests does not quickly present itself.

present and a future menace which even now entails the presence of stronger Axis forces than Hitler can well spare. King Peter's effort to stem the German advance six months ago was not altogether unsuccessful, even though his army has presumably been defeated, his country over-run and he himself is a refugee in London.

Tremendously significant was the candid message of Kaname Wakasugi, one of Admiral Nomura's chief aides, in a telephone message from Los Angeles to the Tokyo "Nichi Nichi." From another, the "Nichi Nichi" would never have printed any such words. But from the man who is trying to carry first-hand facts from the Japanese Embassy in Washington to those in charge of shaping Japanese policies in

emulating the sensational performance of United States Ambassador Joseph Grew in Tokyo many months ago by disclosing the true state of the American position. Essentially, neither Mr. Wakasugi nor Mr. Grew pulled any rabbits out of any hats; but each proved himself an able and courageous reporter to the public at large, which is exceptional indeed among diplomats.

It seems safe to suggest that unless Japanese militarism receives some quick and extraordinary gift of good luck in the way of another adventurer's opportunity, the words of Mr. Wakasugi are bound to have a chilling effect upon those Japanese who have been disposed to drag Japan closer and closer to the brink of a war with America which most Japanese think cannot come to pass, but which all informed Japanese know must be ruinous to their country if it ever does come to pass.

### Describes U.S. Policy

Mr. Wakasugi was an accurate reporter of what he — and many others — had learned in Washington. He said in effect that the United States is not going to start anything with Japan but that if Japan insists on trouble, the United States is ready and determined to meet the worst eventualities. He had found that America and Great Britain are in close harmony against aggression. He reported isolationism rapidly waning and preparedness the American keynote. Granting that the United States is desirous of maintaining friendly relations with Japan as long as possible, Mr. Wakasugi added that this "all depends on the situation" — more directly, "the attitude depends solely on Japan."

No one could put things more squarely and accurately than that. It will be agreed by competent American observers. Mr. Wakasugi deserves the gratitude of both the United States and Japan for

There can be no doubt that Germany hopes Japan will proceed along extremist courses but there should be every doubt that Japan will move a single inch farther than she feels it secure and expedient to do from the strict standpoint of her own interest. It will not be to its own interest to run head-on into certain war with Britain and America.

Looking at the situation from Japan's own domestic viewpoint, neither will it be to the interest of the governing group to put any more economic screws on Japan's business and industry or even to keep tightened down too long the screws already pinching very painfully. The record shows that however loyal and patriotic Japan's economic chiefs are, there is a limit to the amount of control they will take. Only the sense of acute crisis prevents an explosion, or at least another attack of go-slowism such as occurred last winter, now.

Prince Konoye has taken a rather extreme stand. The accumulated weight of war weariness, economic depression, unfulfilled promises, and other leaden elements of disappointment may in time overcome even the supporting influence of his personal popularity, his ancient high family, and the Japanese fatalistic tendency.

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# Russia Taking The Offensive

(By Annalist)

**RUSSIA IS TAKING THE OFFENSIVE. FROM SMOLENSK TO GOMEL, SOVIET TROOPS, FOLLOWING A SERIES OF CONCENTRATED BLOWS AT SPECIFIC POINTS, ARE BELIEVED TO BE DEVELOPING A LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE ACTION.**

The latest indication is the report that German attempts in the Gomel sector to assume the offensive were met by counter-attacks and followed up by a counter-offensive, which smashed one German motorised division and destroyed the headquarters of another.

Reports are circulating that Smolensk itself has been retaken — or what is left of it — but there is neither confirmation nor denial of this from Russian sources although confirmation of its recapture is expected hourly.

It is probable in a few days there will be no Nazis anywhere east of the Dnieper, even in its upper reaches, and that the Soviet counter-offensive has resulted in the complete removal of the German threat to turn the defences of the upper Dnieper by an out-flanking movement from the north as was done with such near disastrous effect in the Dnieper Bend.

IF THE NAZIS WANT THE OTHER HALF OF THE UKRAINE THEY WILL HAVE TO TRY A FRONTAL ATTACK ACROSS THE LOWER DNEIPEL AND WITH BETTER SUCCESS THAN THEY ARE AT PRESENT ACHIEVING.

### Surging Masses

Fighting, as it has been developed in the Russian campaign by the Nazis, proceeds by enormous surging movements of vast masses of men and materials which gather momentum as they go and are incapable of being stopped.

Superb fighting skill can gradually slow them to a temporary standstill by applying a breaking action to their impetus. It is then only a matter of days or even hours before the movement restarts, develops, is slowed and held.

THREE TIMES HAVE THE RUSSIANS THUS HELD THE ENTIRE MIGHT OF THE NAZI SURGES FORWARD AND THREE TIMES THEY FOUGHT THEM TO A STANDSTILL.

Indications are that this time it is the Russians who will initiate the forward movement and it remains to be seen whether the Germans are as good at applying the brake as they are at rolling forward by sheer weight of massed metal and an incredible disregard for wholesale massacre of their manpower. — Reuter.

### WAR ON FLYING 5TH COLUMN

Secrets of vital importance to national security might have been found in the cliffs of Solway Caves. This has led the Air Ministry to impose the death penalty upon Fifth Columnists of the air — per-gine falcons.

Every day in the Solway district of Dumfries and Cumberland raiding parties go out to destroy these birds.

Carrier pigeons, since the outbreak of war, have been doing important work for the R.A.F. Men in authority were worried at the non-arrival of some of these birds, and the loss of messages which might have played an important part in the air conflict.

After investigation it was found that the birds were not shot down by Nazis, but were killed by falcons, which are very numerous along certain shores of Britain.

Since this discovery, scores of falcons have been killed in an organised campaign to kill on sight the enemies of Britain's dispatch flyers.

(Sir Charles Portal, Air Chief Marshal, is Britain's greatest authority on falconry).

### CLOTHES FOR VEG.

FOR 14 POUNDS OF CARROTS A WOMAN CAN BUY A NEW HAT AND A PAIR OF SUMMER SHOES, OR TWO PAIRS OF 3/6 STOCKINGS IN A DEPARTMENT STORE IN CROYDON, LONDON.

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One woman exchanged a basket of mixed vegetables from her garden allotment for one straw hat in the latest style. The hat was valued at 6/11.

She paid for it with 3lb. of carrots, valued at 1/3, 2lb. of turnips (1/4), 2lb. of apples (1/4), 2lb. of beans (1/6), 2lb. of onions (1/3) and one marrow worth 4d.

### RACE OVER CROPS TO NAZI 'PLANE

When a German 'plane was brought down recently in a Lincolnshire district, more than 2,000 people rushed over the fields, smashing fences and damaging crops, it was stated at a meeting of the local Farmers' Union branch.

A farmer said there was a half-mile queue of cars.

The meeting asked for more energetic action by the police in future.

It was stated that when bombs fell in the same district souvenir hunters trampling corn did more harm than the bombs.

### SHANGHAI TRADE ANXIETIES

"UNENDING TRIALS, difficulties and tribulation" are seen to be confronting Shanghai by "Finance and Commerce," leading British financial weekly, following the discontinuance of the open market for foreign exchange.

Pointing out that Shanghai's import surplus during the first seven months of the year totalled £13,500,000 and in July exceeded £3 millions, the publication states:

"It cannot be denied that the stopping of many classes of imports must strike a serious and perhaps fatal blow at a large number of small firms and industries upon which hundreds, probably thousands, of people now depend for a livelihood."

"Prices will now rise, not because of the depreciation of currency, but because those with goods to sell will exploit them to the full."

WITH A VIEW TO RECTIFYING THIS SITUATION, "FINANCE AND COMMERCE" URGES RATIONING AND STRICT PRICE CONTROL.

Only bright feature the weekly sees is the possibility of expansion of Shanghai's export trade and a resulting improvement in the exchange position.

### Dodging The Freeze?

In this connection, the periodical says reports are current of the possibility that the Japanese

will import silk and other goods from Japan and sell them to foreign exporters in Shanghai.

"This would unquestionably boost exports (leaving out the question of shipping) and provide foreign export firms with more trade and authorised banks with larger amounts of exchange."

The periodical states this sounds well in theory but foresees several difficulties.

### Speculation Switch

The effect of the disappearance of the open exchange market on gold bar speculation has been almost overwhelming, states "Finance and Commerce."

"The turnover is now insignificant," it says, "and idle and frustrated gold speculators have turned during the past two weeks to the yarn market and, since the beginning of this week particularly, enormous interest has been taken." — Reuter.

# SOVIET AND BRITISH PART IN THE WAR

"THE SOVIET UNION is bearing the brunt of Hitler's attack, thereby diverting from England the danger of invasion and air raids and making it possible for her ally to undertake active and decisive actions against the common enemy," says "Pravda," official organ of the Communist Party, quoted by the Russian radio in its war news.

"The Germans called Dunkirk Britain's greatest defeat," the newspaper says, "but the British, for whom Dunkirk was one of their severest trials, call it their greatest success."

## NO. 1 PILOT HAS MEDAL 'DOUBLES'

Mr. Churchill has asked to be godfather to the baby son of Britain's No. 1 fighter pilot, Wing-Commander A. G. Malan, who has just been awarded a bar to his D.S.O.

He is the first airman to win a bar to both the D.F.C. and D.S.O. in the present war, and only the second ever to gain these "doubles."

Wing-Commander Malan, who is leader of the crack No. 74 Squadron, now has thirty-five German machines to his credit.

### Premier's Offer

The Premier met him at his R.A.F. station recently and Mr. Churchill asked him about his one-year-old son.

"He is to be christened soon," Malan told him. "We thought about calling him Winston."

"I'd like to be his godfather," said Mr. Churchill.

Baby Winston was born a week after Dunkirk. His airman father is a South African, his mother English.

The other holder of the D.S.O.-D.F.C. "double" is Wing-Commander Staton, who won the D.F.C. and bar and the M.C. in the last war, and the D.S.O. and bar in this.

## THE ONLY GIRL

Mrs. Marjorie Crook, 27, had a perfectly good character until she stole a £3 13s. 6d. jumper suit from an Oxford Street, London, store.

Why did she steal? Here is the explanation offered at the police court by a specialist in psychological medicine.

She is a rather lonely type of woman. The neuropathic condition which explains her act is that she is the youngest and only girl of a family of four children.

She is a very good example of a girl brought up in a family of boys developing an isolated mode of life and wandering about as in this case—on shopping expeditions.

The magistrate imposed a fine of £6, with £3 costs.

### MENACES CHARGE

A well-dressed Chinese, Tsang Kit-long, 25, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, with demanding \$100 with menaces, from a merchant at the Hotel Cecil, Chater Road, on Tuesday. He was also charged with intimidation. The case was adjourned to Tuesday, bail of \$1,000 being allowed.

### ESCAPED PRISONER KILLED

Oberleutnant Martin Mueller, German prisoner of war, who escaped from an internment camp near Schreiber, Ontario, was shot dead when he resisted recapture.

## AMERICAN DEPORTED FROM FRANCE

Mr. Varian M. Fry, a United States citizen connected with the American Relief Association, has been ordered by the authorities to leave France.

Mr. Fry who, the authorities declared, was engaged in anti-French activities, was taken under escort to the Spanish border.

## UNDER AGE

Hung Hing-ying, 21, spinster, of No. 88, Jaffe Road, was charged before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with allowing a girl under 16 to practise prostitution in her premises.

Accused pleaded not guilty and said that she did not know the girl was under age. Besides she only rented the room to her.

According to the girl, she paid accused \$18 per month as rent.

Sub-Inspector R. J. Clarke prosecuted. The case was adjourned.

## AMAZING ODYSSEY: FRENCH ESCAPES FROM GERMANY

THE AMAZING ODYSSEY OF 183 FRENCH OFFICERS AND MEN, CAPTURED BY THE GERMANS DURING THE BATTLE OF FRANCE LAST YEAR, WAS DISCLOSED WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT A LONDON RAILWAY STATION YESTERDAY MORNING WHERE THEY WERE GIVEN A WARM WELCOME BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FREE FRENCH FORCES AND OF THE BRITISH ARMY.

All these men escaped from various German prison camps and after incredible experiences and hardships succeeded in crossing the frontier into Russia.

In Russia they were interned but the Soviet authorities released them as soon as Germany attacked her.

A few of these men spoke German but one captain in particular, whose name must remain secret because he has a family in France, spoke German fluently.

Disguised in civilian clothes and often wading knee-deep in snow in the depth of winter, with the temperature 20 degrees below zero, they had to walk many miles before reaching Russia.

After release in Russia they were collected together and taken by ship to a British port.

THEY ARE OF THE TOUGHEST TYPE IN THE FRENCH ARMY. MANY OF THEM HAD TRIED TO ESCAPE FROM NAZI PRISON CAMPS SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE

### BURNING HATRED

Many have wives and children in France, about whom they have been without news since they were taken prisoner last year.

All are filled with a burning hatred of the Germans, and their one ambition is to avenge last year's defeat of France.

They have, of course, joined the Free French forces. Reuter.

### TRANSMITTER ARREST

Arrested in Nathan Road yesterday with a wireless transmitting set in his possession, Chan Kang, 24, of no fixed abode, was remanded for 48 hours by Major A. N. Macfadyen at Kowloon this morning for unlawful possession.



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North-South VulnerableNORTH  
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K Q 10 6 5 3  
K 9 3 2WEST  
A 8 7 2  
K 6 4 3  
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J 10 4EAST  
K Q J 9  
5 4  
Q 10 2  
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8 6SOUTH  
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A J 9 8 6  
A J 7  
A Q 7 6

The bidding.

South West North East

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4 2 Pass Pass Pass

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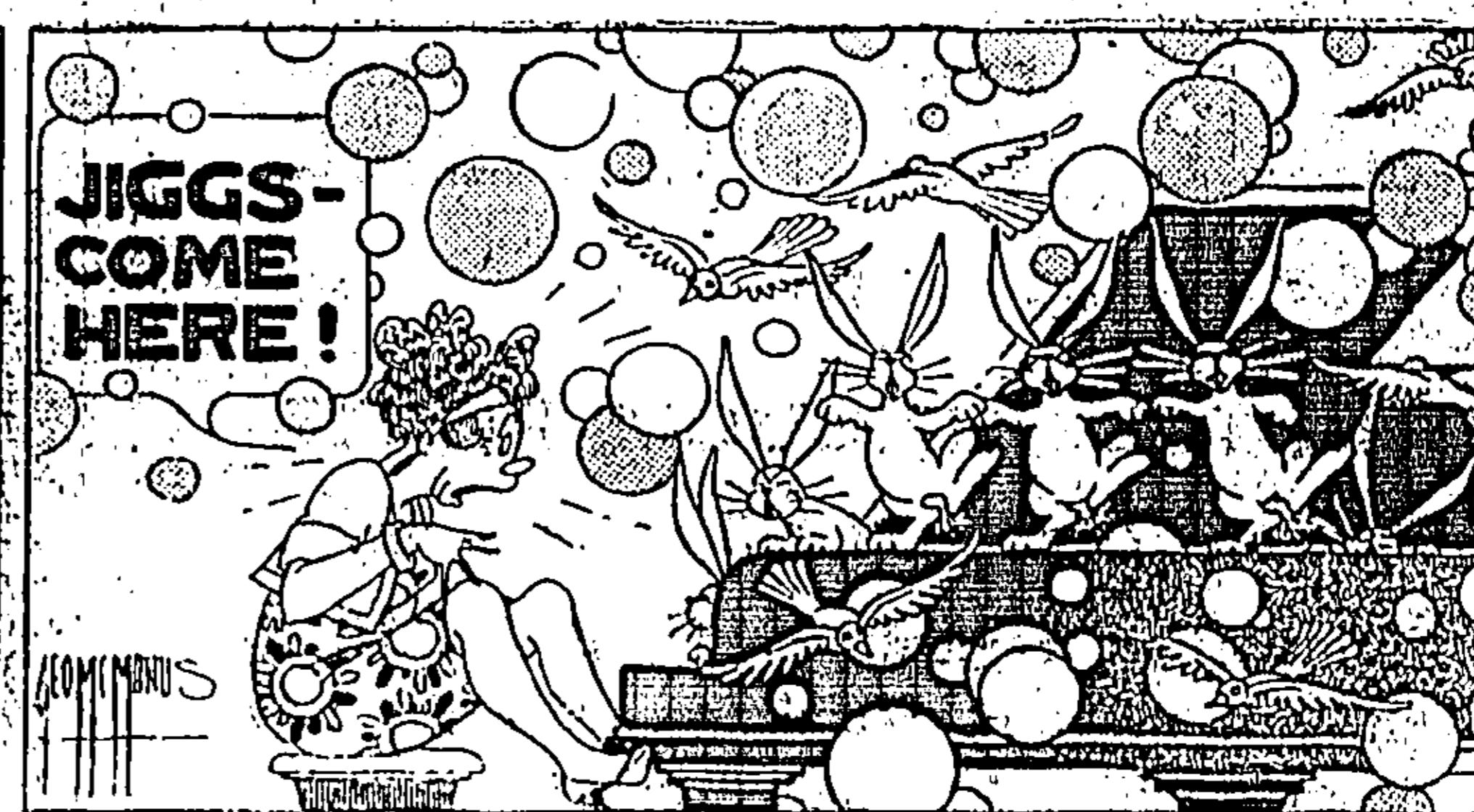
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## Bringing Up Fathers



By George MacManus

## A PAGE FOR WOMEN Sleek Legs Look Inches Slimmer

Thanks to science there are several harmless methods of removing superfluous hair from legs, each in its way, simple and efficacious. Perhaps that is why to-day's women appear to have slimmer limbs!

Superfluous hair causes shadows and its actual fuzz does increase the girth of the leg calf, so meticulous women, who are conscious of body beauty, remove it. Active sports and shorter skirts make sleek legs essential, and if yours are not you cannot be rated as a modern woman. A few minutes with the aid of a cream, wax or emery will quickly banish any unwanted hair and the woman who says, "I'll not remove it, I'll remain as nature intended me to be," is only robbing herself of happiness and not living up to her duty to society. For it is a woman's duty to be as lovely looking as possible.

### How Long Do You Wear Your Skirts?

With legs that are sleek and slim you may wear skirts as short as you like — even those jaunty skating outfits with flared skirts above the knees are not too extreme. But, if your legs are not the most beautifully shaped then you must wear your skirts of a length most flattering to your measurements.

No two girls have limbs formed exactly alike, so it follows that no two girls should wear their skirts exactly the same number of inches from the floor. If fashion dictates "skirts eighteen inches off the floor," then you must modify her rule to suit you.

If your knees are too thin or too fat wear your hemline at least four inches below them. That is one good guiding rule.

If the calves of your legs are heavy avoid too short skirts — let yours come down to five or six inches below your knees. Too long legs, or too thin legs call for skirts which just reach the upper



One of the newest depilatories for legs is a white cream which does a neat job of making your legs sleek in a jiffy.

part of the calf. Standing before a full length mirror will help you determine which length is most flattering.

Another point to consider is your waistline. If you have a high waistline you can wear your skirts shorter than the girl with a very low waistline. If she wore her skirts very short she would look unbalanced. You might make another test

if you are truly interested in leg beauty. The next time you shop try on several cuts of skirts — a very full flared skirt, a full gored skirt, a straight skirt narrow from waist to hem, and a skirt with a low flare or pleats. By so doing you will be able to judge which cut of skirt does most for your legs. Too many women go about wearing unflattering skirt lines and their legs take the rap!



## STOP AND THINK

Happy to-day.

If you are, don't grudge yourself that happiness, or take notice of the Dismal Jimmies who tell you they don't know how anybody can be happy nowadays — thereby implying that you are a selfish person.

Now, actually, it is the selfish people who are most unhappy to-day. Those who really feel for other people's sorrows do what they can to help — and that makes them happy, even while they sympathise.

The "moaners" are really worrying about themselves, though they try to kid you otherwise.

When you feel happy and let other people know it, it is the best gift you can make them. You create an atmosphere of joy and hope which heartens them, just as the sun emits life-giving rays.

Happiness is contagious. Spread it as fast as you can.

## Important Memo

Make as sure as you can how much time your preparations will take you and then devote this time entirely to your task. Have all your tools ready and handy before you start.

If you are not very experienced, do not have anything else going on in your kitchen.

Remember that utmost cleanliness is part of your success.

Do this job as soon as you can; the fresher the food-stuffs, the safer they are to keep.

Make a point of examining your preserves regularly. At the first signs of mould, or fermentation (little bubbles), open the glass, remove the bad parts and cook the remainder for about ten minutes. Then taste carefully; in most cases you can rescue most of it.

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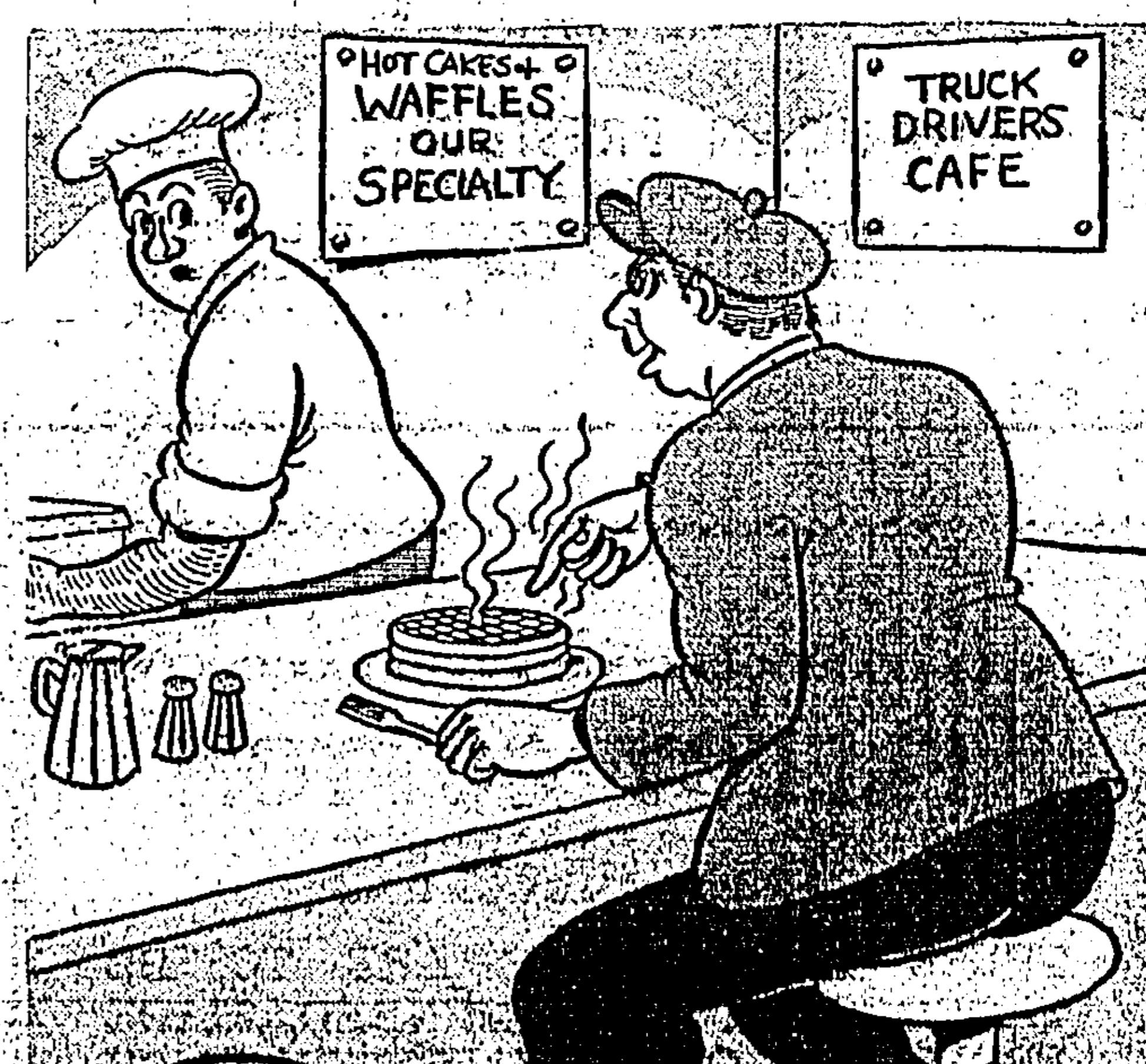
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## Wife's Part

Are there any sub-sub-contractors? — I don't know.

Have you a wife? — Yes.

Is she one of the sub-contractors? — No.

Are you quite sure of the answer? — Isn't she one of the sub-contractors? — Yes, for removing earth.

Who gave her the sub-contract? — The tender by her was the lowest, so the tender was submitted to Mr. Campbell who sanctioned this work to be done.

Did Mr. Campbell know she was your wife? — No.

You talk about tenders. Did you call tenders for the carriage of the earth? — We called tenders.

How did you call tenders? — We asked the various transportation companies to submit tenders.

How many did you ask? — About four or five.

Name them. — The Oriental Transportation Co., Shun Hing, Sam Hing, Chung Lee, Yat Cheong, Kwong Wing. That's all.

And you sent letters to all these people? — No sir.

Then how did you invite the tenders, verbally? — I went round myself to the various companies.

Including your wife? — At first she did not come into the picture.

## Wife's Quotation

I am asking you whether you informed your wife like the other people, I want yes or no? — Yes.

What was her quotation? — It was a figure per foot.

How much was it? — \$4 per lineal foot.

What was the name of your wife's firm? — The Wan Tung.

What do they call themselves, Wan Tung Transportation Company? — Yes sir.

When were they formed? — In February, 1941.

Long after you had started work on tunnelling? — Yes sir.

Would it be correct to say that they were formed expressly for removing this earth from the tunnels? — No sir.

What other work were they doing? — I don't know, sir.

She never discusses her business with you? — No, sir.

So far as you know, the only work they are doing is transporting earth for you — Yes.

## Other Offers

Can you tell me what other firms quoted for the work? — Yat Cheong. Witness added that this firm's price was \$4.50 but he had

## RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Kenny Baker, Judy Garland, Warner &amp; Darnell, Harold Ramsay, Baldwin &amp; Howard in Variety Programme.

7.30 p.m.—Popular Dance Music.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—“Listening Post”. Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—A Mozart Song.

Within These Sacred Walls (from “The Magic Flute”)...Ivar Andersson (Bass) with Orchestra.

8.37 p.m.—Mozart—Symphony in D. No. 35.

Allegro con Spirito—Andante—Minuetto &amp; Trio—Finale...The Hallé Orchestra cond. by Sir Hamilton Harty.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—“To-night We Present”: The Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. A Programme arranged by John Abbott.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—The Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.

The Two Imps (Alford)...Dancer Of Seville (Grunow).

Echoes Of The Valley (Jean Gérin).

The Merry Middies (Brooke).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—“Band Waggon” with Arthur Askey, Richard Murdoch and others. Recorded by kind permission of the B.B.C. from an actual broadcast.

10.30 p.m.—Folk Songs and Music. Folk Songs from Somerset (From “English Folk Songs—Suite”) (Williams arr. Jacob)...Columbia’s Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra.

The American Square Dance (Recd. Timo)...Folk Dance Orchestra.

Happy Swiss Memories (arr. Elzéz).

...Swiss Ensemble.

Fantasia On Norwegian Folk Songs—Intro: The Wrong Way Song; Pal, His Hens; I Know A Little Lass; In The Church; In Lonely Times; Springer (arr. Haland)...Norwegian Light Symphony Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—“War Correspondents”—Alan Bell.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

forgotten the figures submitted by the other firms.

Chairman: Was any of them less than \$4.50? — No.

What did the Oriental Transportation Company quote? — At first they quoted per cubic yard.

What did they tender, do you know? — I think \$1 per cubic yard.

How does that compare with your wife's tender of \$4? — To work it out, the price per cubic yard would be something like \$5 or \$6 per lineal foot.

Did you tell your wife how much the other firms quoted? — No.

Does she live with you? — Yes, sir.

What is her position in the firm? — She is the sole proprietor.

It was her money which formed the firm? — Yes, sir.

Do you know, up-to-date, how much you paid that firm to transport the muck? — I cannot remember.

from Marsman's they did not charge 10 per cent.

Did Marsman ever purchase these sleepers from you? — Yes.

You are not timber merchants are you? — No.

And these sleepers were purchased by you for tunnelling work? — Yes.

At what price? — \$6.20.

And you sold to Marsman's at the same price? — Yes.

How many months later was it that you sold to Marsman's? — They took delivery at the time we bought the sleepers.

Did Marsman's pay you immediately or sometime after? — Sometime after.

## "Happy Position"

Then we get this very happy position. You provide the capital to buy sleepers, lose interest on that capital for some time, and let Marsman's charge 10 per cent? — What could we have done, sir, since Mr. Campbell refused to pay the 10 per cent?

I don't know what you could have done, but is this the usual thing for you to do, is it your usual way of doing business? — No. Did you protest to the Director of Public Works? — I lodged a protest with Mr. Campbell.

What did he say? — He said that when we bought material for Marsman they never charged us.

Did you tell Mr. Campbell that under the terms of your agreement with Mr. Pearce you were entitled to 10 per cent? — What could we do, sir?

## No Protest

You did not protest to Mr. Pearce? — No, I did nothing further in the matter.

Was this the only time you sold material to Marsman's? — I cannot say, sir.

We'll verify that and let you know. Did you hire any machinery to Marsman's? — Yes, one set of air compressors.

Who made the arrangements? — Mr. Campbell.

Did he deal direct with Marsman's? — I believe so.

There is no correspondence between you and Marsman's as regards the hire? — No, sir.

At this stage of the hearing, an adjournment was made until 3.30 p.m. to-day.

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NAME HERO, SAYS  
M.P.

Why suppress the name of the gunner in a ship belonging to a South Coast electricity authority who brought down a German plane? — Sir Cooper Rawson, Brighton M.P., is to ask the Minister of Information.

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You tell me you only charged Government 10 per cent on 5,000 and not 10,000. Why did you not charge 10 per cent on the 10,000 since they were bought for tunnelling work in Kowloon? — I did see Mr. Campbell and demanded 10 per cent on the whole lot, but he refused.

Why? — He said when he or

Government purchased that type



# FEW CHANGES LIKELY IN 'VARSITY ELEVEN THIS CRICKET SEASON

By "Incog."

University will be holding their annual cricket meeting early in October, and indications now are that they will have very much the same team as that which did duty for them last season.

## ARMY'S BOLD BID

Three games were played yesterday in Third Division of the Lawn Tennis League, Army Tennis Club beating Chinese Recreation Club (1) to consolidate their position as challengers to South China for the title.

At Cox's Road, Craigengower Cricket Club beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 6½ sets to 2½. R. Kloss and D. Joyce (K.C.C.) lost to W. J. Howard and J. C. Yiu 3-6, drew with Dr. Ling and Dr. Tsui 6-6, lost to K. L. Lee and J. W. Leonard 1-6. R. O. Baker and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.) beat Howard and Yiu 7-5, beat Ling and Tsui 6-0, lost to Lee and Leonard 5-7.

A. Zimmer and A. Gillard (K.C.C.) lost to Howard and Yiu 0-6, lost to Ling and Tsui 2-6, lost to Lee and Leonard 0-6.

### Army Drop One Set.

At Sookunpoo, Army Tennis Club beat Chinese Recreation Club (1) by 8 sets to 1.

Sgt. Duffield and Sgt. Emberson (A.T.C.) beat T. F. Lo and H. N. Chau 6-4, beat C. Wei and K. Y. Chan 6-4, beat P. H. Chiu and K. N. Li 6-1.

Sgt. Megson and Sgt. Murray (A.T.C.) beat Lo and Chau 6-4, beat Wei and Chan 6-1, beat Chiu and Li 6-1.

### Points For Recreio

Indian Recreation Club lost to Club de Recreio by 3½ sets to 5½ at Sookunpoo.

A. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell beat B. T. Gosano and M. A. Oliveira 6-4, beat A. M. Remedios and J. C. Fonseca 6-2, drew with H. A. Noronha and A. E. Noronha 6-6.

A. Rahmin and M. Hanib (I.R.C.) lost to Gosano and Oliveira 1-6, lost to Remedios and Fonseca 1-6, lost to Noronha and Noronha 3-6.

M. Haasan and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.) lost to Gosano and Oliveira 1-6, beat Remedios and Fonseca 6-2, lost to Noronha and Noronha 3-6.

### TABLE TO DATE

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

	P. W. L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	10	10	0	0	73½
C.C.C.	9	9	1	0	72½
C.R.C.	8	8	2	0	62½
F.C.	10	7	3	0	58½
I.R.C.	10	5	4	1	40½
A.T.C.	10	4	8	1	47½
P.O.R.C. (1)	10	4	8	0	40
C.B.A.	10	3	7	0	34
P.O.R.C. (2)	10	3	7	0	24½
J.R.C.	10	1	9	0	29½
K.I.T.C.	10	0	10	0	80½

### Smith's Tennis Win

In a Second Round game in the Army Other Ranks Tennis Singles Championship yesterday, Sgt. Smith (Army Dental Corps) beat S/Sgt. Mitchell (R.E.) 6-3, 6-1.

## FAMOUS ATHLETES KILLED

Two well-known athletes, K. Tuominen, the Finnish long-distance runner and W. Leichum, the German long jumper, have been killed in action on the eastern front, according to reports that have reached London.

Tuominen finished second in the 3,000-metres Steeplechase at the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936 and Leichum finished equal-fourth in the Olympic Long Jump Championship in the same year.

Wimbledon trophies are not among these buried treasures—they are safe elsewhere—while the Davis Cup, of course, is in Australia.

But Hard Courts Championships, county championships and junior championships may have to have new trophies when they are resumed. Reuter.

Matches in the Open Basketball League decided at Chinese Y.M.C.A. last evening resulted in wins for Youths over Trojans by 31 points to 22, and Yu Loong over Residents Union by 30 points to 29.



Kenneth Lo, Second Division cricketer last season, will probably find a place in University's senior XI this season. He is a coming batsman.

## Sing Tao Score 14!

In a friendly football game at Causeway Bay yesterday, Sing Tao beat Royal Navy by 14 clear goals after leading by three goals at the interval.

Lai Shui-wing was in great form and scored five goals, most of which were from outside the penalty area, while Fung King-cheong also showed up well.

Navy, who made changes after the interval, were beaten by the better positional play and stamina of the Chinese team.

Giff, in goal in the second-half, brought off several good saves.

Lai Shui-wing (5), Fung King-cheong (3), Tang Kwong-sum (2), Soong Ling-sing (2) and Ip Pak-wing (2) scored for Sing Tao.

NAVY:—(First Half)—Rutter, Roughley and Rushin; Parkinson, Taylor and Croft; Breeze; Le Page, Hendy, Hughester and Clough; (Second Half)—Giff, Taylor and Rushin; Manns, Ireland and Bowden; Spreading, Le Page, Hendy, Hughester and Clough.

SING TAO:—Chui Sui-hung; Man Ling-yuen and Lee Tingsang; Leung In-chan, Chui Ah-fai and "Song" Ling-sing; Tang Kwong-sum, Lai Shui-wing, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kei and Ip Pak-wah.

### H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Council of Hong Kong Football Association will be held this evening in the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m.

## AIR FORCE HAVE TO START TEAM-BUILDING: LANEFORD'S BRIGHT HOPES

By "Referee"

The soccer prospects of Royal Air Force, Third Division champions, are somewhat uncertain, but at the moment it appears likely that five of last season's championship team will be available.

Air Force were given the option of promotion to Second Division, but, anticipating difficulty in raising a worthy side, preferred to remain in Third Division.

Ho Kar-keung, former Chinese

Athletic forward, will again be

playing in the centre-forward position, backed up by

last season's right-wing combination

of Richardson and

Goodwin, both of whom have shown

good form in

practice games. RICHARDSON

Bartlett will again be seen at

inside-left, in

which position he

did so well last

season, being respon-

sible for 23 of

Air Force's goals.

Manfield will be sorely missed on

the left-wing and

at the moment his

place will proba-

bly be filled by

MacDonald, a new-

comer.

Berry, who will captain the

side, will occupy

the pivotal posi-

tion and will be

supported by Pal-

ing, at left-half,

while the right-

half berth will

rest between Faw-

ckett, Naylor and

Cousins, all

newcomers.

The full-back MACDONALD

division will great-

ly miss Edmunds, who played in

representative games last season,

and Henley. These

two players bore

the brunt of the

defence and both

were worthy of a

higher division.

The gaps caused

by their departure

will be hard to

fill, and it is highly

probable that

Moore and Binning

will be the backs,

with Gracie or

Cherett in goal.

Following are the registered

### SUNDAY'S GAME

Police are meeting Eastern in a friendly soccer game at Boundary Street on Sunday at 5.45 p.m.

## CLUB RUGBY SECTION LOSE FOUR PLAYERS & HAVE FEW NEWCOMERS

By "Scrum-Half"

RUGBY SECTION of Hong Kong Football Club are facing the coming season with very little, if any, new talent, but, with all their back division still available, there is every prospect of a very sound fifteen being fielded.

There were originally four likely newcomers—Hamilton, Rowe, Norman and Hughes—but of these Hughes and Norman, both forwards, are the only two who may play. Hamilton, who has been out of the game for two years and has a groggy knee, will probably be playing cricket and Rowe is almost certain to play soccer.

Absentees this season will be McCrea, Godfrey, Stout and Durnett, all of whom are forwards. Hopkins, a back, while Aitkenhead, fly-half, may be playing cricket this season.

"Grannie" Bidwell, however, hopes to play regularly—he played in only the Sevens last season and this should greatly stiffen up an attack which badly lacked a penetrating centre-threequarter in the Quadrangular Tournament.

As far as I can gather the following will be available:

BACKS—Charter, Thompson, Bosanquet, Stewart, Carruthers, Day, Hutchinson, Dr. Hynes, Lavelle, van Leeuwen, Wilson, Nelson, possibly Aitkenhead, Morgan, Cleimo and Thomson.

FORWARDS—Kennedy, Needham, Walkden, Burford, Capleton, Davies, Thomas, Gaillard, Hensman, B. Hynes, Hackett, Redman, Lee, Taylor, Moodie, Dalziel, Dildabury, Olsen and Bonn.

Alec Kennedy is skipping the side and a better man could not have been chosen. Charter is vice-captain and Redman hon. secretary. "Jako" Selby is back and will again be coaching and refereeing.

The first trial is on October 15 and the second on October 22 with the first match on October 23, tentatively arranged, against Army, on which day Navy and at present down to play Police, also on the Club ground.

## KIT CHEE NOT WITHDRAWING

Kit Chee, who have been playing in Second Division of the Football League for several seasons, are experiencing great difficulty in raising a side as a number of their players have transferred to other clubs.

Mr. Sung Che-yin, the secretary, told the "China Mail" that there was no truth in the rumours that Kit Chee would be withdrawing from the League.

## CLUB LOSE INTERPORER

Hong Kong Football Club will be without the services of Fal-lalay, the Tientsin soccer Interporer, who has left the Colony.

E. Strange, Club footballer, is taking up refereeing this season.

# NO SURPRISES IN NINE OPEN BOWLS GAMES

Another block of matches in the Colony Lawn Bowls Open Singles Championship were played off last evening, but no surprises were recorded, though some of the games were very closely contested.

U. M. Omar, former Champion, won his match against W. Simpson, but the holder, M. N. Rakusen, who was down to play R. M. Mackenzie, was disappointed when he arrived at K.F.C. to find that his opponent had not shown up, his game, therefore, being relegated to the "matches postponed" list.

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, E. de Souza beat C. W. Lam 22-15 after 24 ends.

The game was very close up to the 13th, when scores were tied at 9-all, but after that Lam scored 1 2 1, only to see his opponent reply with 2 1 1 4 0 2 1 2 to win by 22-15 after scoring at 15 ends. Scores were:

Lam: 1 1 3 0 2 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 = 15  
Souza: 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 2 1 1 1 0 0 0 2 1 1 4 0 2 2 = 22

At Kowloon Football Club, T. Coleman beat J. McCutcheon 21-11 after 19 ends.

Coleman was much too good for his opponent on the day's play, and at the 14th was leading 17-7, when a 3 by McCutcheon gave the latter double figures. Coleman, however, finished up with 1 0 1 2 to win by 10 shots after scoring at 13 ends. Scores were:

Coleman: 0 1 3 0 3 0 1 2 1 3 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 2 = 21  
McCutcheon: 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 1 0 0 = 11

At Civil Service C.C., U. M. Omar beat W. Simpson by 21-13 at the 22nd end.

The score was 5-all at the 8th and

16-8 in favour of Omar at the 18th. Simpson, then had 1 2 2 to be led 16-13, but Omar finished the game with 1 2 2.

Omar: 0 1 0 0 3 1 0 0 2 3 0 3 0  
0 0 1 2 2 = 21

At Civil Service Cricket Club, F. Nolan beat T. C. Monghan 24-10 at the 27th end.

There was never much difference in the scores and Monghan had the lead for the greater part of the game.

Down 2-4 at the 4th, Monghan had

2 1 1 4 to lead 10-4 at the 8th. Nolan,

then had a run of 2 2 1 2 1 0 0 3,

to lead 10-12 at the 10th. Monghan,

reduced the lead with 2 1 1 1 to 18-17

at the 22nd. At the 26th Nolan was

leading 20-19 and then scored a four.

Monghan: 0 2 0 0 2 1 1 4 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 2 0 2 1 1 1 0 1 0 = 18

Nolan: 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 2 2 1 2 1 1 1 0

3 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 4 = 24

At Police Recreation Club, M. E. Purvis beat R. M. Ogden by 21-13 at the 21st end.

Ogden started well and was leading

2 1 1 2 at the 6th and 8-5 at the 9th. Purvis,

then had 3 0 1 2 2 3 0 2 to lead 18-10

at the 17th.

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2 1 0 0 = 13

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Hircock started with 1 4 3, conceded a two and then had 1 1 3 0 3 1 0 2 to lead 19-5 at the 12th. Mansell scored 1 1 3 1 to reduce the lead to 18-11 at the 16th, but Hircock scored the required two at the next end.

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Down 4-8 at the 7th, Grattan had

2 1 1 2 to lead 10-6 at the 12th, but

Gelling, with 1 3 0 4 1 1, took the lead at 17-11 at the 18th. Grattan then

made a bid, and with 1 0 1 1 2 reduced

the lead to 19-18 at the 24th for a fighting chance, but Gelling scored a three at the next end to win by six shots.

Grattan: 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 2 1 1 2 0 0 1 0

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# CORINTH CANAL RAID

## R.A.F. Activity In The Middle East

### GIGANTIC CONVOY SAFELY OVER

One of the largest convoys ever to cross the Atlantic recently reached a British port, the gigantic freight unloaded and dispersed.

Not a ship or man of the convoy or escort became a casualty.—Reuter.

### HUNTING DOWN SHIPPING

Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command are continuing to hunt enemy shipping off the southwest coast of Norway and yesterday located a German convoy and torpedoed a supply vessel, states the Air Ministry news service.

One Beaufort piloted by the squadron commander, flew through heavy A.A. fire to release

### Direct Hits On Both Banks

THE CORINTH CANAL has again been heavily bombed, announced yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique, which says the raid took place on the night of September 8/9 and was carried out by R.A.F. heavy bombers.

Direct hits were registered on both banks and it is estimated considerable damage was caused.

On the same night Heraklion aerodrome (Crete) was attacked. The landing grounds at Tmimi, Martuba, Derna and Gazala were raided.

its torpedo.

The air gunner of another Beaufort, describing the result of another hit, said: "A massive white cloud of spray and steam shot up" and when last seen the ship had come to a complete standstill.

A third Beaufort had a 20-minutes fight with a Messerschmitt.

The rear gunner was wounded and replaced by the wireless operator who already had been wounded but continued to operate the gun until the Messerschmitt gave up the chase after receiving many hits.

While the crippled Beaufort was limping home the crew — all sergeants — though knowing they might come down in the sea, took off their life-saving jackets to make a comfortable bed for the wounded gunner.

The other Beauforts returned safely.—Reuter.

Our aircraft subsequently carried out machine-gun attacks on motor transport on the road between Derna and Tobruk, starting a number of fires.

R.A.F. fighters patrolling over shipping off the Cyrenaica coast were attacked by a larger force of Messerschmitt 109's but the attack was beaten off and no subsequent raid by enemy bombers materialised.

During the same night enemy aircraft raided Malta but caused only slight damage to civilian property.

#### Cant Shot Down

On of our night fighters shot down a Cant Z1, 007 into the sea after it had been caught in searchlights. Five survivors of the crew were captured.

On the same night an unsuccessful attempt was made to raid Haifa. No damage or casualties were caused.

On Tuesday night enemy aircraft twice attacked R.A.F. stations in the Canal Zone. On both occasions our night fighters intercepted the enemy.

One Junkers 88 was shot down and another damaged. There were no R.A.F. casualties and damage caused was slight.

From all the above operations two of our aircraft are missing.—Reuter.

### STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
A political assassination occurred in the streets of Macao yesterday during the lunch-hour when a Chinese, alleged to be an official of the puppet Canton Police Force was shot at by three gunmen who escaped.

Six shots rang out and the man fell dead with bullets in his head, throat and chest.—Our Own Correspondent.

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### FREEZING ORDER QUERIES

Asked in the House of Commons for a statement on the trade barter agreement with Japan, Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, said no general barter arrangement nor anything inconsistent with the strict enforcement of the freezing order had ever been contemplated.

The use of frozen funds for new exports to Japan was not permitted.

If it should be found desirable exceptionally to license any particular imports from Japan it would be a matter for consideration of what exports should be allowed against such imports and how payment should be effected.

It was probable that this could best be done by setting up a separate clearing account if and when the need for it should arise.

At present, however, no such imports have been licensed and consequently no question of payment arises.—Reuter.

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